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The saucer convention called "UFO '79" was held as scheduled in sunny (but cold!) San Diego, California, on the weekend of November 17th, and your fearless "Saucer Yule" editor was in attendance.

Speakers included Walt Andrus of MUFON, Dr. James Harder, non-subscriber Stanton Friedman, Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Jim Lorenzen of APRO, and Cleve Backster, an expert on lie detectors and the secret emotions of plants. The convention host was a UFO authority from Phoenix, Arizona, with the improbable name of Hal Starr. (*)

Generally, the quality of the presentations was excellent. Perhaps the most noteworthy talk was given by a NASA astrophysicist named Allen Holt, who might just lead Earthlings one step beyond Einstein, to an ability to "tunnel through" time and space, and reach distant stars in a matter of weeks rather than years. This brilliant young man, currently working on his Ph.D., apparently believes that the saucers are doing just this, and that we may be able to do likewise by the early 21st Century.

A number of speakers failed to show up, for various reasons. George Hunt Williamson, a notorious contactee from the 1950's, was "scratched" due to pressure from APRO; Dr. Hynek had a conflicting commitment elsewhere; and the star (with a small "s") of the show, Major Donald Keyhoe, Long Retired, could not make it, allegedly due to the illness of his wife. According to Hal Starr (with a capital "s"), Keyhoe would have told us about something called the Cosmic Watergate, whereby the U.S. Government is threatening to put Keyhoe back on active duty (at age 80!??) if he persists in his present ufological activities. Somehow, we don't quite believe this!

An ironic note was sounded by non-subscriber Yonah Fortner, who pointed out informally that the oldest existing UFO group is Borderland Science Research Associates (BSRA), founded in 1946 by the late Dr. Meade Layne of San Diego. Whereas "UFO '79" formally honored Coral Lorenzen for having founded APRO in 1952, Layne's name was never once mentioned from the podium!

A good time was had by all, and your "Saucer Yule" editor was pleased to note a more tolerant "vib" than in the past - regarding the speakers' attitude toward each other, and also toward our own humble efforts in this zine. Might we modestly suggest that our theme - don't take yourself too damn seriously - is finally starting to sink in. If so, our efforts have not been in vain.

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Well, it had to happen sooner or later: An Italian woman living in England has been raped by a creature aboard a flying saucer, according to an account contained in Lou Farish's October "UFO Newsclipping Service" (Route 1, Box 220, Plumerville, Ark. 72127). Even worse, an American truck driver named Joe Turner was taken to a planet on Alpha Centuri, apparently while still inside his 80,000 pound tractor-trailer rig! He's back home again, but his nerves are shot; and the police clocked him at

110 miles per hour one day, in his car, after an Alien somehow took control of it. Yes, friends, UFO stories are getting wilder than ever, aren't they?.....

MARCEN has information that at least some of the recent wave of UFO hoax letters are from a group of neo-Nazis, active in England and Western Europe. They are connected with the Canadian group which, not too long ago, tried to destroy NICAP by sending Nazi literature to its membership. They may also have infiltrated the remains of the Adamski groups in this country. Their theory is that the German Aryan race came from outer space in UFOs, and that the saucers are back now to help the Nazis take over again. Therefore, hoax letters are sent out to try to trick non-cooperating UFO groups into endorsing the authenticity of the letters & thus discrediting themselves.....

We have again succeeded in annoying veteran ufologist LAURA MUNDO. She believes, wrongly, that we intended to use "Saucer Clit" (the title of our last issue) as a permanent title. Not so, Laura! On Page 6 of her latest "Mundo Monitor", she writes:

"James Moseley of Fort Lee, New Jersey, writes to inform us he has decided to use the title 'Saucer Clit' as the permanent name for his newsletter, with which we take issue! Clit is short for the word Clitoris, which is a sexual organ of a woman, just inside the folds of the vulva, that gets excited during sexual intercourse. (The Muslims circumcized it, because they felt it was competition to the male penis, because it becomes erectile.) It is also in female dogs, as well. However, we feel such a title is a slam at women. If he keeps it up, we will call our newsletter 'Saucer Penis'. How do you like that!"

No, no, Laura! Please, not "Saucer Penis": Anything but that!



"I ASKED THEM HOW THEY TRAVEL IN OUTER SPACE"

NEWS BRIEFIES: There was a very fair & favorable write-up of the ill-fated 1979 National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in the November 16th issue of "True Quarterly", written by loyal non-subscriber Bill Retoff. Read it if you get the chance!.....We still don't seem to have a site for the 1980 NUFOC, planned for New York City. Twice we've had a hotel ballroom all set for us, only to have the Banquet Dept. semi-mysteriously back down at the last minute! We're still working on the problem vigorously, and will let you all know as soon as something definite is set up.....On the evening of Oct. 30th, one night before Hallowe'en, your editor was on the Candy Jones Show (WMCA, New York radio), to take part in a rather unsuccessful effort by a group of psychics to contact the ghost of Long John Nebel, Ms. Jones' late husband. We were on the show again on the night-morning of November 4th-5th, with ufologist Timothy Greed Beckley and a psychic UFO contactee named Jane Allison.....Our thanks to non-subscriber Michael Hartnett for the cartoon on this page, and to former UFO authority Gray Barker for the one further along in this issue.....It seems that the venerable NICRAP organization has finally folded! The copy of "Saucer Clit" sent to them was returned unclaimed!.....Dr. Willard McIntyre's MARCEN group has changed its name while retaining the same initials. The new name is: Mutual Anomaly Research Center and Evaluation Network, Inc. Clever, but not nearly as clever as the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society

(S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), which we have used as our organizational title since 1954.....

SENATOR KENNEDY CLEARS UP THE LAST REMAINING DOUBTS ABOUT CHAPPA-QUIDDICK: As a hard-core Kennedy fan, your editor wants to print here (though it has nothing at all to do with UFOs) Ted Kennedy's recent answer to newsman Roger Mudd, when asked if he thought anyone would ever fully believe his account of what happened at Chappaquiddick. Kennedy's exact reply, as given on Page 4 of the New York Post of Nov. 8th, was:

"Oh there's the problem is - from that night - I - I found the conduct, the behavior, almost beyond belief myself.

"I mean that's the way its been - but I think that that's that's that's the way it was.

"That.....that happens to be the way it was.

"Now, I find it as I have stated that I have found that the conduct in in that evening and in in the - as a result of the impact of the accident of the - and the sense of loss, the sense of hope, and, the and the sense of tragedy, and the whole set of - circumstances, that the the behavior was inexplicable.

"So I find that those, those - those types of questions as they apply to that - questions of my own soul, as well.

"But, that, that happens to be the way it was."

Any questions???

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Finally, a COOL YULE to all our non-subscribers, regardless of race, color, creed, or planetary origin!

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Former Beat Poet GEORGE MONTGOMERY writes:

"Dear Creepy Editor:

"Please do not say I am an ex-Beatnik! I am still one - and one of the survivors. Tell all your non-Fans that I'm having my annual birthday party in February. I'll later send details, & all your non-subscribers can 'free load'!"

JAMES ("The Amazing") RANDI, a loyal but skeptical non-subscriber of long standing, writes us the following missive. He has kindly sent the letter "camera ready", so that we can run it exactly as is, with no opportunity to cut or edit:

Dear Jim: I have managed to ignore previous comments run in Saucer Blank, but Stanton T. Friedman's tirade against my good friend and colleague, James Oberg, as well as the suggestions that Bernard Dixon, Patrick Moore and Dr. Chris Evans (judges of the Cutty Sark contest) were party to a fraud in awarding the prize to Oberg, cannot go unchallenged.

Indeed, I resent Friedman's attack on these gentlemen, all of whom are respected members of, or act as consultants to, either the US or United Kingdom branches of The Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICP) with the exception of Dr. Dixon, who declined to serve since his (former) position as editor of New Scientist and present position with OMNI might have been thus compromised.

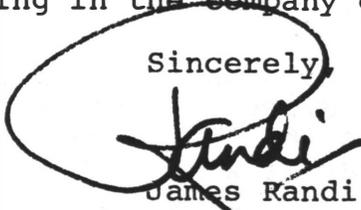
The judges of the Cutty Sark contest were not aware of the identity of any contestants. Entries were seen by them without identification, and judged individually. There was, I am confident, no collusion nor agreement in secret that

awarded Oberg the prize. It was one of those rare cases of talent and integrity being rewarded.

Finally, lest any aficionados begin exulting over an unfortunate error perpetrated by an over-enthusiastic reporter for the Daily Register in Red Bank, N.J., which had Dr. Isaac Asimov "believing in UFOs" - I hastened to correct that glaring boo-boo, and Isaac fired off a heavy salvo as well.

As I've said before, Jim, I consider you to be a man of reason and intellect. What are you doing in the company of these folks?

Sincerely,



James Randi

GARY BUELL writes:

"....There is one matter on which I have wanted to comment for some time, and that is the treatment Jim Oberg has received in various publications from some UFO believers - accusations that he is doing a job for NASA on UFOs, etc. While I do not always agree with Capt. Oberg, I think that he has shown himself to be, in his letters & attitudes, a gentleman and a scholar, and a serious UFO researcher who balances skepticism with an open mind...."

We try to avoid saying anything nice about Oberg, for fear that his Ego will burst! - Editor.

LUDWIG VON BENZBOOGER (alias TOM BENSON), U-boat (MIB-13) Commander, writes as follows:

"Attn: Herr Moseley

"This all points bulletin to der Saucer underground, is to inform you that our submarine waits in der Gulf of Mexico to take der Shah to our UFO base in Antarctica.

"We have already prepared a palatial under der ice bunker replete with peacock feathers, an ornate gold throne, and of course oriental rugs abound, and it is geothermally heated. Der Shah will be very much at home here with der Fuhrer. In fact, David and Henry occasionally visit him..."

DR. GARY POSNER, an associate member of CSICOP, writes:

"I am pleased to be a new non-subscriber to your non-scheduled publication.

"Although I hesitated momentarily to presume to participate in such a prestigiously-entitled journal, I have acquiesced, and offer the following observations:

"(1) I am relieved that following J. R. Greenwell's letter in your Oct. 1st issue (which supports Klass' argument), the 'Great NSA Controversy' has been put to rest.

"(2) If it is true (as some letters indicate) that some readers depend upon this newsletter for factual information about the current UFO scene, it is all the more unfortunate that people like Sparks and Clark devote themselves so to senseless name-calling, rather than to logical discourse.

"In Klass' letter referred to by Clark in the Nov. 5th issue, Phil did not suggest that it is Clark's 'responsibility' to tell the truth about his (and Sparks') break with Zechel. Nevertheless, it is obvious that Clark not only is unwilling to discuss the issue, but (as we have suspected for some time) one of Clark's 'little pleasures' is withholding information from skeptical Ufologists like Klass, when it suits his purposes to do so.

"In contrast, Phil's files are open to all UFO researchers, pro or con (as the few 'pros' who have taken him up on his offer know full well)."

The inevitable PHIL KLASS writes:

"Jerry Clark's recent letter charges that 'as time goes by, Phil Klass' hold on reality becomes ever less firm.' Let me assure Jerry, and your readers, that I have just completed a 10-day examination by a battery of 100 of the nation's leading psychiatrists, who have pronounced me 'as sane as can be expected for anyone involved in the field of Ufology'.

"Clark's problem is that he doesn't know when I am pulling his leg. For example, in the Fall of 1977, shortly after the White House had asked NASA to take over its UFO correspondence and had invited NASA to launch a new UFO investigation if it wished, I appended a P.S. in my letter of Nov. 26th to Clark saying: 'Have you heard that NASA just awarded me a \$10,000,000 contract to conduct a study to determine whether the Government should conduct a new UFO study?'

"I assumed that Clark would realize that I was jesting. Since the Government had paid the University of Colorado only about \$1 million for a nearly two-year UFO investigation, involving many staffers, I assumed that Clark would recognize that \$10 million was an outlandish figure for a one-person study to determine whether a new, massive study was justified!

"Would you believe that Clark called NASA to get more details about their \$10 million contract award to me? Well, he did!...."

MARY JANE FOCHT writes:

"I must agree whole-heartedly with George Earley's comments in your newsletter of Nov. 5th. There seems to be something inherent in the UFO phenomenon that renders otherwise normal individuals paranoid. Being a new non-subscriber and a 'slow learner', the acronym of your sub-title line just dawned on me while reading your last issue. Your humor helps keep this entire subject in its proper perspective."

That semi-mysterious researcher, BELLE FONTAINE, writes:

"Just read the shit in 'Saucer Clit', and thought I'd write....With the constant ravaging of the energy crisis, it's obvious that there are no politicians on your non-subscriber list. Surely someone would have suggested we use the garbage in 'Saucer ----' to solve the alleged problem. Soon I'll have enough to heat my home for the winter.

"Upon reading the letter written by Mr. S. Friedman....I was shocked at the sudden increase of believers in UFOs. Either I had slept in, or it happened overnight. Since neither has occurred, Klass should still be correct at 'one to eleven' rather than Friedman at 'two to one'. Stan does deserve credit, however. What other physicist would try to make a mountain out of an atom?...."

GENE DUPLANTIER writes:

"....I thought you'd like to know what has been happening lately at the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency in New York. The following deals with the gas crisis:

"'Effective immediately,' announces the memo, 'employees with Social Security numbers ending with even digits will use the restrooms on even-numbered days. Social Security numbers ending with odd digits will use the restrooms on odd-numbered days. The 31st of any month is a free day and everyone will be allowed.

"'Employees wishing to use the facility on their day will line up outside the door. At a time to be announced daily, the restroom will be unlocked for long enough to serve one-half of those employees in line.

"'No line jumping or cutting in. Violators will be terminated.

"'Visitors, heavy beer drinkers or those with bladder or medical problems may apply to Personnel for a P sticker.

"Please note that employees must be able to prove that they have at least half a tank before being allowed to enter the restroom."

WELDON BURGE writes:

"Although your newsletter often contains some very strange letters, there is usually a wealth of information in each edition. I look forward to each issue.

"I just had a pamphlet published, entitled 'The UFO Cults'. It is available at an unknown price (they never told me how much they're charging for the thing), from Pamphlet Publications, Box 41372A, Cincinnati, Oh. 45241. I'm into research concerning the religious aspects of Ufology, hoping to eventually write a book on the subject. Anybody out there with any suggestions and/or advice, drop me a line. No lunatics, please...."

Non-lunatics can reach Weldon Burge at: 105 East Main St., Middletown, De. 19709. - Editor.

JIM HARRIS of the infamous UFOCUS organization, writes:

"....As for Oberg winning the Cutty Sark prize: Give any moron a typewriter and he's bound to hit a few good letter combinations occasionally. I know I would have saved many Ufologists a lot of grief if I had entered the contest, but I just didn't have the time. Yukk, yukk, yukk.."

GENE STEINBERG writes:

"....You know, it occurs to me that we're probably looking in the wrong direction for answers to the UFO riddle. What with all this talk of $3\frac{1}{2}$ and more 'D', perhaps the solution is under our very noses. Perhaps UFOs are really a 2D phenomenon! Think of the vast consequences of this startling revelation. Think of how it will be disbelieved. Think how it will be totally ignored. (Especially the latter.)

"Jokes aside, perhaps the estimable Todd Zechel was onto something after all when he started looking for crashed discs. Ultra-conservative Len Stringfield has said pretty much the same thing, and it is reported through the grapevine that Charles Berlitz has been researching this angle with startling results!

"We can kid about this all we want to, but perhaps it's high time a concerted effort be made to unearth some proof, if there is any. What with all of the information that's come forth through the Freedom of Information Act, surely something somewhere might provide a few clues as to whether the crashed disc saga is true after all!?:...."



Courtesy London Daily Express

"All right—space-men have landed and captured Grandma and Auntie Vera. Now go and play something that doesn't make quite so much noise."