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WHY, you might ask, is "Saucer Ghoul" dedicated to such an unlikely person as your humble editor? The answer is that your humble editor used to be, in his younger days, an importer of pre-Columbian antiques from South America - and these, unfortunately, have to be dug up out of ancient graves. Thus your editor is one of the very few Ufologists who (as someone once put it) spends his time either looking down into the ground, or looking up into the sky.

SAUCER CONVENTION FINALLY IN GEAR!

Well, gang, we can finally report Progress regarding plans for the 1980 National UFO Conference in New York City. We've been working since last July to find a decent midtown hotel that would be reasonably priced, and would allow us to take cash at the door. The place we've settled upon is the Doral Inn, at Lexington Ave. and 49th Street. Their main ballroom holds about 450 people.

The convention dates are Friday, June 20th, and Saturday, June 21st. We've reserved a block of rooms for those two nights, at special "bargain" convention rates - although there's really no such thing as a bargain in hotel accommodations these days. The best we could do is \$49 per night for a single, or \$61 for a double. To make a reservation, write to Trudy Cohen, Sales Manager, at the above address. Send her your check or money order made out to Doral Inn, and make clear the fact that you are with the the National UFO Conference. (Otherwise the rates are much higher!) Confirmation will be sent to you by mail. The hotel emphasizes that you should write, not phone. Please deal directly with the hotel in this manner, not with us.

However, if you want advance tickets to the two public sessions (Saturday afternoon and evening), you may send a check or money order for \$15 to us, made out to James W. Moseley. The price at the door will be the same, however - \$15 for a two-session ticket, or \$10 per session. In other words, you save \$5 by attending both sessions, whether you pay by mail or at the door. (This is in order to keep things relatively simple.)

A tentative list of speakers includes Stanton Friedman (whose name appears in this issue more times than we can count!), Betty Hill, Phil Klass, Art Ford, Rick Hilberg, and Bob Easley. Hopefully Friedman will be able to show his brand-new UFO documentary film "UFOs Are Real" - though it is not clear yet whether the film's producer will allow this to be done.

The traditional "closed session" (with free admission to all interested delegates) will take place in the ballroom on Saturday morning, previous to the two public sessions.

Details regarding the Con. are still being filled in, as of this writing. For Friday evening, we hope to have a banquet dinner at "Windows on the World", on top of the World Trade Center, which is either the tallest or almost the tallest building in the world.

Further information, of course, will be given in future issues of this zine. SEE U AT THE CON!

MISC. RAVINGS

Non-subscriber WALT GREENAWALD, a California engineer, has come up with an interesting UFO questionnaire, which we have included as the last page of this issue of "Saucer Ghoul". You can send the form back to him without losing any Great Truths that might be printed on the other side of the page. We're a little worried about the quality of reproduction we'll get on the questionnaire (as his typewriter is a bit faint), so here again is his address: 20709 Collins St., Woodland Hills, Ca. 91367. Eventually we'll print the results of the poll, as compared to an identical poll that MUFON members responded to, awhile back. We know in our hearts that the results will show "Saucer Ghoul" non-subscribers to be a far finer group than (ugh!) MUFON members. So, let's go, gang! Send in those forms!

From Riley Crabb's "Journal of Borderland Research" (Vol. 35, No. 6), we learn the latest in the lawsuit between DORIS VAN TASSEL, widow of the inventor of California's famed Integratron, and (HISS!!!) the International Church of Christology, of which the chief culprit seems to be one Rev. Dr. Jim Navajo Velasques. Crabb quotes from an article in the Yucca Valley "Hi-Desert Star", which states: "If the victor in the lawsuit is the International Church of Christology, Velasques, an avowed homosexual, said the Integratron may be refurbished into a Gay Disco Bar, complete with a lavender dome." (SHAME, SHAME!!)

Non-subscriber ALLEN GREENFIELD is on the move again, having wandered in recent years from Atlanta, Ga. to Florida to Arizona and back to Atlanta, where he is now, but with no known (to us) address. The latest issue of his somewhat strange publication "Waiting in the Wings - a journal for the 1980s" reached us the other day, but with no return address that we could find!

NEWS BRIEFIES

On the evening of December 19th, your "Saucer Ghoul" editor was on the Candy Jones radio show in New York with Fortean researcher ART FORD, together with Timothy Greed Beckley and others. Art will probably be a speaker at the '80 Con.....Our thanks to non-subscriber KENNETH BEHRENDT for the cartoon on Page 4 of this issue. He is interested in corresponding with other Ufologists, & his address is: 274 Second St., Elizabeth, N.J. 07206.....JENNINGS FREDERICK of Fairmont, West Virginia, is resigning from the field of Ufology. (Who? Who??)

Refugees thriving,

but fear 'men in black'

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Thursday, October 18, 1979, DALLAS TIMES HERALD

Aliens fail to show at school

PORT ARTHUR (UPI) — Public school officials Wednesday said they a ruling which brought protests from

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

Non-subscriber BILL NASH writes as follows: (Bill is the pilot involved in the classic Nash-Fontenberry UFO case in the early 1950's.)

"Hi Jim!

"I get a kick out of your 'Saucer Pit'. A little humor is good for the world!....."

JIM HARRIS writes:

"The Seventies, the most deplorable decade in the annals (no pun intended) of human history, have finally passed. History has taken a 180 degree turn from one kind of depravity to another. The beginning of the decade saw the U.S. wielding its might in Southeast Asia in carefree abandon, while the close of the Seventies sees the country hesitating to use military might in Iran, in fear of arousing international controversy.

"Likewise, the pseudo-science of Ufology has taken a 180 degree turn. The psychic and 3½-D theories advocated by Keel and others who were so popular in 1970 have, by 1979, almost been supplanted by a return to extraterrestrialism, crashed-disc theories, and government conspiracy paranoia. Who knows what the 80's will hold, but they can't be any crazier than the 70's were!....."

MARGARET SACHS writes:

"I presume you're now accepting 'Saucer Fool of the Year' nominations for an end-of-the-year edition called 'Saucer Fool'. I would like to nominate Weldon Burge for imagining that any non-lunatics are non-subscribers to your newsletter.

"Happy holidays!...."

BILL LUTTERS writes:

"Thank you for sending me some of the back issues of Saucer Clit, Tit, etc. No matter what you call it, it's still the Moseley wit that comes through!

"I like the 'new' (for me) approach you seem to have taken in Ufology, i.e., having an open mind with a sense of humor as the all-important ingredient.

"All seriousness aside for a moment, Jim. I think (unlike Laura Mundo) it's a good idea to keep 'Saucer Clit' as a title. I'm sure it will be just a matter of time before Jim Moseley will be known as the Larry Flynt of Ufology!....."

The inevitable TOM BENSON writes:

"Shame on you for saying NICAP has gone out of business. Their present address is: 5012 Del Ray Ave., Washington, D.C. 20014.

"I ask Gene Steinberg, who thinks crashed discs may exist, to consider the following scenario: The Freedom of Information Act releases data indicating that crashed saucers do exist. This data release is soon followed by a presidential press conference where a disc and dead alien bodies (really a mockup like in the Project Capricorn movie) are displayed. This event in effect will extend the present coverup concerning the real reality of the UFO phenomenon, but expand the Defense and NASA budgets. Perhaps the UFO phenomenon is an interdimensional device or an energy precipitate projection, and not a nuts & bolts spacecraft. If their technology can transverse light years, possibly at speeds greater than

Handcuffing of 4 Aliens Criticized

light travels, why then would they crash their discs here? As Dr. Spock would say: 'This is not logical!'"

Non-Believer BOB SHEAFFER writes:

"....I can permit one classified CIA secret to leak out to your non-subscribers: Apparently Jim Oberg has become so envious of Stanton Friedman's dashing good looks, and the latter's outstanding UFO paper submitted to the Cutty Sark contest (which did not win only because of the blatant favoritism which has been so clearly documented), that he decided to pay him the sincerest flattery by growing a grubby, STF-type beard. Gone is the clean-cut Captain America! The man who greeted me at a recent CIA-MIB session at the Oberg ranch would have passed for Stanton himself, were he about a foot and a half shorter...."



"Wow! Detroit has finally done it! This ride is so smooth I feel like I'm floating on air!"

The dispute over Friedman's UFO poll and Cutty Sark contest remarks goes on & on. GARY POSNER, M.D., of the infamous CSICOP (Center for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal), writes:

"In his letter in your November issue, Stanton Friedman refers to a recent 'Industrial Research/Development' Magazine poll on UFOs. Unfortunately, several ambiguities seem to render the poll results meaningless. The term 'UFO' was not defined. Did the respondents realize that true UFOs (if any exist) imply phenomena foreign to our present concepts of the universe - and not merely the existence of some not-yet-conclusively-identified reports of unusual-appearing objects?"

"In addition, Question 6 seems to ask the respondent to 'consider the possibility of UFO existence', and then to choose from among a list of possible sites of origin. I must admit that whenever I 'consider the possibility' (however remote) of true UFOs, the most likely point of origin of such hypothetical objects would indeed seem to be 'outer space'.

"Does this open-mindedness on my part exclude me from Mr. Friedman's category of 'noisy (sic) negativists'? By the way - Klass, Oberg and Sheaffer are no less open-minded on this point than I am, but ironically, the leader of the pro-UFO movement is: Dr. Hynek has strongly disavowed the likelihood of the interplanetary spaceship hypothesis in many of his recent writings and interviews. Does this make him a noisy negativist?"

Well, the 1980's might just see a new pro-UFO Leader emerge! I don't want to say who it might be, but your humble "Saucer Ghoul" editor is considering growing a very long beard! Clean-shaven people just don't seem to have any authority any more, damn it! - Editor.

JERRY CLARK writes:

"The most cheritable interpretation of the Amazing Randi's letter in 'Saucer Yule' is that he hasn't been following the controversy surrounding the Cutty Sark award very closely. At least I hope that's why his letter so strikingly misrepresented the issue, which has nothing whatever to do with 'fraud' - a charge that Stan Friedman never made.

"Friedman was wrong when he suggested the judges (Christopher Evans, Patrick Moore and Bernard Dixon) were biased specifically in favor of Jim Oberg, since the contributions, I am told, were judged without their authors' names being known. But Friedman is certainly correct when he suggests the panel was biased in favor of anti-UFO papers.

"The issue is not the worthiness or unworthiness of Oberg's paper. (Actually, for what it's worth, I consider the paper an articulate, unhysterical statement of the skeptical point of view, a decided improvement over most anti-UFO polemics.) The issue is the fact (not 'possibility' nor 'suggestion') that the deck was stacked by men who have a long history of hostility to UFOs. The late Dr. Evans treated Ufology as one of a number of 'cults of unreason' in a book of the same title. Moore has long been known, in his native country at least, as the British Donald Menzel. And as Randi himself acknowledges, former 'New Scientist' editor Dixon's sympathies are with the ultra-skeptical Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP); not that any reader of 'New Scientist', a periodical which has long treated paranormal phenomena and other anomalies with disdain, would ever have thought otherwise.

"Further evidence of the panel's blatant bias comes from Oberg himself, who in his 'Saucer Female Organ' letter mentions the other papers Evans, et al, liked and want to publish; all - surprise! - are anti-UFO.

"The most interesting thing about Randi's letter, however, is his eagerness to identify the panel members as CSICOP officials or fellow travelers. I commend him for his honesty. I only wish it were shared by the anonymous colleague who prepared the October 11th 'CSICOP News Release' announcing, 'The widely-publicized UFO Essay Competition sponsored by Cutty Sark Ltd. (London) has been won by a man who does not 'believe' in UFOs.' The release proudly identifies Oberg as a CSICOP Fellow; but when it comes time to mention the panelists' names, not a word is said about Evans' CSICOP connections. (He was not only a Committee Fellow but a Consulting Editor to its journal, 'The Skeptical Inquirer'.) It might be worth noting here that Oberg's paper, in an unfortunate lapse from the tone of restraint which characterizes most of the essay, avers that Ufologists use 'all the traditional tricks of the Madison Avenue advertising executive's trade' to make their case. So, it appears, do 'skeptics'.

"None of this would really matter much, if CSICOP types had not chosen to crow about the award as if it proved something about the non-existence of UFOs. But as I have pointed out in a letter to Oberg, 'If the contest can be seen as a 'trial' of UFOs, the proceedings were held in a kangaroo court.'"

TOM LIND writes:

"....Well, it's that time of year again, and this year's 'Keyhoe' goes to the former UFO publication, 'Skylook', with honorable (or is that horrible) mention to reporter Nelson Bland of the Mount Olive (N.C.) Tribune - for whom credit must go in 'Skylook' receiving the award.

"Here is the award-winning quote:

"'Mount Olive, N.C. Tribune, April 5th, 1974: Nelson Bland, a reporter for the Tribune, reported that he was traveling on Highway 117, going north from Faison to Mount Olive, when he saw a 'strange, erratically moving light in the sky' as he approached an overhead bridge. 'I'm color-blind, and I don't know what color it actually was,' he explained, 'but it appeared to be either red, green, or yellow.'"

Psychologist testifies for aliens

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Dec. 15, 1979

Dear Jim:

Now that I have read Jim Oberg's Cutty Sark prize winning entry, and the reaction to my comments in Vol. 26 No. 12, I can only say that my criticism of the judges was far too mild and that the paper was even worse than I had expected though certainly in the same vein as anticipated. Essentially every claim by Oberg concerning what scientific ufology is and what ufologists accept or reject or believe is demonstrably false. It is not surprising that Oberg provides no references or facts to support his contentions. If he had done his homework in the first place, he wouldn't have made the baseless arguments. The article is a magnificent example of the pseudo-science of antiufology so loudly and consistently practiced by the members of the Committee (self appointed) for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

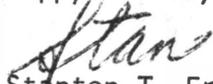
The amazing Randi's response (Vol. 26 No. 13) is indeed amazing. I nowhere suggested fraud on the part of the Cutty Sark judges... only bias. The bias was even worse than I had expected since I hadn't noted that Dr. Christopher Evans was also a writer for OMNI-- along with the other two judges and Oberg. The notion that the judges were unaware of the identity of any of the contestants is both absurd and irrelevant. My own entry had my name on every page. Even if Oberg's name was not on his entry the judges-- writers all for Omni-- must certainly have both recognized the style and content-- and surely were in careful agreement with it-- judging by their past publications. Unfortunately they were all equally & obviously as ignorant of the field of ufology as was Oberg. I will agree with Randi that Oberg has writing talent-- and as a propagandist. It would be as appropriate to judge ufology by the statements made by Oberg as to judge geology on the basis of the views of a few rock collectors-- or biology by the views of a few butterfly collectors.

I shall be preparing a detailed point by point critique of the prize winner. Meanwhile I would like to point out that in its original rules Cutty Sark stated "we are not interested in the cultist fringe, whatever their persuasion, who for reasons best known to themselves distort and confuse the UFO picture". The prize was to be "for a scientific paper which is judged to contribute most to our understanding and knowledge of the UFO phenomena". Oberg's paper should have been disqualified because it distorts and confuses the UFO picture, is not scientific, and does NOT contribute to our U & K.

Belle Fontaine typifies the inaccuracy of the noisy negativists who mournfully wail that only a small fraction of scientists accept UFO reality. The 1979 Industrial Research and Development magazine poll of engineers and scientists involved in R & D found that the ratio of believers to non believers was 2.17. In 1971 it was 1.74. Gallup polls in 1966, 1973, and 1978 provided ratios of 1.59, 1.80, and 2.00. In 1978 the ratio was 2.87, 2.11, and 0.95 for those with college, high school, and grade school educations respectively. As a function of age the ratio of believers to non-believers was 3.5, 2.74, and 1.05 for those under 30, between 30 and 49, and over 50. Now if Belle is over 50 and has only a grade school education

Copies of either or both polls are available free to anyone sending a self addressed stamped envelope for use in responding.

Happy holidays,



Stanton T. Friedman

UFO RESEARCHER QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE _____ SEX _____ EDUCATIONAL LEVEL _____

IF COLLEGE, GIVE DEGREE _____

CAREER _____ EARNINGS PER YEAR _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND _____

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND _____ ACTIVE NOW YES _____

NO _____

POLITICAL VIEWS: CONSERV. _____ LIBERAL _____ OTHER _____

PSYCHIC CAPABILITIES _____

UFO BACKGROUND

YEARS INVOLVED WITH UFOS _____ HRS PER WK ON UFOS _____

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN UFO FIELD _____

HAVE YOUR EFFORTS EVER BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE? YES _____

NO _____

WHAT PROMPTED YOUR INTEREST IN UFOS? _____

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A UFO? _____ HOW MANY? _____
(Describe briefly on separate sheet)

YOUR OPINION ON THE ORIGIN OF UFOS _____

DO YOU THINK THE US GOVERNMENT IS STILL STUDYING UFOS? _____

COMMENTS ON THE FUTURE OF UFOLOGY _____

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