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## NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER

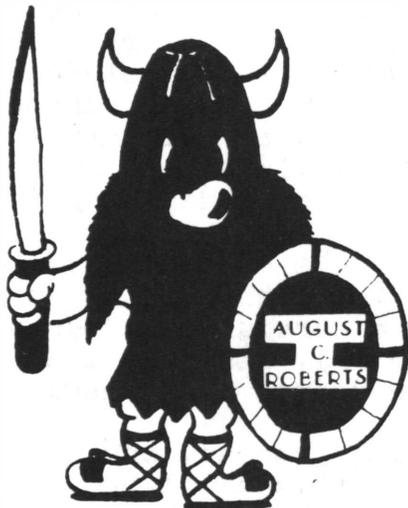
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### PSYCHIC ATTACK FROM THE PLEIADES:

We have been in correspondence for quite some time with Ronald Spanbauer, an enthusiastic youth from Wisconsin who is involved in selling and promoting a book called "UFO - Contact From The Pleiades". This book, which goes for about \$25, describes the alleged contact experiences of a Swiss watchman named Edward Meier. A large number of photos are included in the book, and these have stirred up a ufological storm of controversy. While Spanbauer conscientiously defends the pictures, GSW photo expert Bill Spaulding calls the case "a crude hoax, presented in a slick format". Jim Lorenzen of APRO is lukewarm on the case, in spite of an earlier endorsement, and we understand that Stan Friedman has serious doubts also. We in no way question Spanbauer's integrity; but after reading the book and studying the many beautiful color pictures therein, we humbly feel that it's all "too good to be true". Not only that, but we hear that Meier has even been caught with fake pictures in his garbage! On the other hand, if any of these photos are genuine, we have here the most sensational contactee case of all time! - And that, gentle reader, is as much as we know about the case so far. We will keep our "Saucer Fool" readers informed as we learn more.

NEWS BRIEFIES: Regarding the giant 1980 New York City convention next June 20th & 21st, everything we said in our last issue remains true, except that there will be no formal banquet - merely a dinner Friday night (June 20th), attended by some of the speakers and their guests. We are enclosing with this issue of "Saucer Fool" a fact sheet regarding the Con., and we sincerely hope that all our loyal non-subscribers will give this info as much publicity as they possibly can!....UFO photographer August C. Roberts has come out with another new business card, giving his address as Box 211, Wayne, N.J. 07470. He also has some rather unusual stationery, decorated with the strange drawing at the left.....Todd Zechel has surfaced still again in Hollywood, and claims he's getting a bit part in an upcoming TV series. We hope he uses his salary to pay back a few of the people around the country who lost out financially from knowing him. (See his letter in this issue.)....Erwin Enders (Box 6644, Lemay, Mo. 63125) is trying to obtain Granada's UFO stamp, and would like to hear from anyone who can help him obtain it.....MARCEN has moved to a new, semi-mysterious location: 123 Rt. 108, Ashton, Md. 20702. More about MARCEN in our next glorious issue!.....



LETTERS TO YE EDITOR

Former Beat Poet George Montgomery writes, lovingly:

"You see, I am not a regular person, though I hang around with 'regular' people, as well as hanging around with prostitutes, pick pockets, winos, ex-Beatniks, Swedes, skiers, bobsledders, pyramid salesmen, pimps, gurus, subway conductors from Venus, etc.

"What is this Clit shit with you? You can hardly get laid in a whore house even when your fist is full of fifty dollar bills. I get more girls by accident.

"Why don't you stop trying to be Larry Flynt and go back to your aluminum flying saucers, which are sexless....

"Yes, Merry Christmas, although you're an athiest! God doesn't need you!"

Thanks, George. I needed that! - Editor.

DALE RETTIG writes:

"Will you kindly advise readers of 'Saucers Confuse' that I am offering for sale several out-of-print & hard-to-find UFO books & zines (such as Dr. Menzel's first book & the first issue of Ray Palmer's 'Flying Saucers'). I will send a list of these items to anyone who sends me a stamped, self-addressed envelope. My address: 434 Larkin Drive, Benicia, Ca. 94510. Pau-pers need not inquire."

The inevitable TODD ZECHEL writes:

"Now that you're confessing some of your past crimes, why not really cleanse your soul and admit you conspired to defame, slander and discredit me? While you're at it, confess that the main reason you went after me was that I spurned all of your lacivious advances while I was a guest in your home? Why not admit in writing (as you have intimated to friends) that you came into my bedroom each night after I had gone to sleep (under the pretext of checking on your daughter in the next room) and shivered with lust as you viewed my undraped form? You could call this issue 'Saucer Drool'.

"You could also use the 'Drool' issue to announce the RE-EMERGENCE OF W. TODD ZECHEL AS A LEADING UFOLOGIST!! That's right - good ol' WTZ is launching his comeback! To borrow a couple of over-used cliches: You can't keep a good man down - and - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

"Yes, folks - my many fans, admirers, and general well-wishers have finally succeeded in convincing me that Ufology needs me. I had attempted to quietly retire here in my Southern California villa, living off the millions I had made while director of CAUS and director of research for the defunct Ground Saucer Watch, but my privacy was constantly being disrupted by vocal supporters demonstrating outside the gates and fences of my vast property. (The fact that many of the demonstrators were Iranian students is inconsequential.) Frankly, what really influenced me more than anything was the chanting: 'We want Todd! We want Todd! The hostages will not be freed until we get Todd!' Night and day, over and over, always the same thing - the chanting, the effigy burning, the hangmen's ropes dangling from my trees. Let me tell you, it got tiresome!

"That's when I decided to form a NEW UFO GROUP. I'm calling this one Southern California's Advanced Methods, or S.C.A.M. Membership in my new group will be carefully controlled. Prospects will be carefully screened by a panel of ex-CIA agents who have contacts in the FBI, DEA, and IRS. We will reserve the right to refuse membership to anyone deemed anti-American, anti-UFO, or poor!

"For those fortunate enough to pass our screening process, and rich enough to pay our SUBSTANTIAL dues, many fantastic benefits await you: (1) We guarantee our members immortality! (2) We issue coupons good for free

abductions aboard UFOs! and (3) We introduce the member to at least one new illegal alien each month! All this plus a year's subscription to our newsletter, 'The S.C.A.M. Report'. Our current issue, Vol. 1, No. 3, contains the following articles: (1) 'Philip K: Agent or Dupe?' (2) 'NICAP: Where Keyhole Went Wrong - Putting Action Ahead of Income!' (3) 'Why A Leading Skeptic Refuses To Talk About His Dead Baby - The Untold Story.' (4) 'A New Look At Some Old Contactees: Adamski Speaks From the Grave and No One Listens!' (5) 'A Retired CIA Executive Tells All - Behind the Scenes at Langley - A CRASHED SAUCER PARKING LOT - An Alien Literacy Test - Secret Communications Between Earth and Alien Planets - Surveillance Files On Anyone Who's Ever Mentioned UFOs - and more!: PLUS: Unauthorized Photos From A Recent UFO Convention - A Leading Skeptic Gives A Step-By-Step Explanation of a Character Assassination Investigation, with Easy-To-Follow Diagrams, Tips On What To Ignore and What To Exaggerate; How To Curry Favor With Government Information Services, and How to Structure an Ad Hominem Argument; and More Exciting Cases From the A.P.R.O. Files - Abductions, Muggings, MIBs, and MORE!.....

"Well, James, I look forward to - 'Saucer Drool'. If you'll plug my NEW GROUP I'll give you a piece of the action - New Jersey Director, possibly. Charge whatever dues you want; just remember WE GET 50% OF YOUR GROSS.

"By the way, please note that I was 100% accurate in what I said about Carter and Kennedy. Anyway, I don't think Teddy's new campaign slogan, 'A BLOND IN EVERY POND', is going to help him. Look for Carter to be given a tough run by either Howard Baker or George Bush...."

Non-subscriber DAVE SCHROTH writes:

"Apropos Stan Friedman's two recent letters in your zine: It is interesting to note that Stan always begins by proclaiming the merits of 'scientific Ufology', but always ends up talking about this or that public opinion poll.

"For example, in his Oct. 7th (1979) letter, Stan correctly notes that what people believe has no relevance for determining what is true. Then, incredibly, in the very next paragraph and also in his Dec. 15th letter, he cites the results of a poll showing that some scientists 'believe' in UFOs. My comment: So what?

"If flying saucers are real - as Stan repeatedly claims but has not yet gotten around to demonstrating - then opinion polls revealing that 'X' number of people 'believe' in them are irrelevant. But if flying saucers do not exist, such polls are equally irrelevant (except as an illustration of popular credulity or wishful thinking). I trust that Stan is aware that large numbers of people also 'believe' in astrology, among other fantasies.

"I submit that such concern with opinion polls reveals just how weak the case for saucers and 'scientific Ufology' actually is: It is built not on evidence, but on stories, rumors, and 'beliefs'.

"Keep up the good work, Jim. Your wit is desperately needed here in St. Louie, where saucer fans take themselves and their religion much too seriously."

A very good point, in our humble opinion. - Editor.

Non-Believer PHIL KLASS writes:

"It was too much to expect that even the CIA, USAF, KGB and CSICOP, working together with Cutty Sark, could keep secret the nefarious scheme to deprive Stanton Friedman of the Cutty Sark award for the best paper on UFOs. Clearly Friedman's investigative skills are much too keen.

"But since the Cat is Out of the UFO Bag, let me reveal aspects of the plot that even Friedman missed:

"(1) The USAF threatened to drop 500 100-megaton thermonuclear weapons on the Cutty Sark distillery unless the award was given to the USAF's own,

beloved, handsome, personable, modest Capt. James Oberg (Ret.) Cutty Sark officials obtained a quotation from U.S. Government for one Safeguard ABM system, and upon learning it would cost \$10 billion and take 10 years to deliver, Cutty Sark had no choice but to bow to the USAF ultimatum.

"(2) To sweeten the kitty, the CIA purchased 10,000,000,000,000,000 cases of Cutty Sark's best Scotch, which its agents personally delivered to the Ayatollah's bachelor pad in Paris.

"(3) Cutty Sark might have been able to withstand the pressure BUT for a message recently received, by a National Security Agency listening post, from Zeta Reticuli. After working many months to decipher it, NSA cryptologists found that the message warned: 'If Friedman should win the Cutty Sark contest, we shall never again kidnap another Earthling.'

"Through my own deep sources within the NSA, I have managed to obtain a copy of this extraterrestrial message, which reads: 'RUOS SEPARG'. With the aid of my handy dandy Radio Shack personal computer, I have come up with quite a different translation than the NSA.

"My translation is that 'RUOS SEPARG' is 'SOUR GRAPES' spelled backward, but perhaps your readers can discover still another meaning.

"You have my permission to publish the foregoing, providing that every one of your readers agrees to burn immediately before reading!"

Non-conformist LUCIUS FARISH writes:

"....I hate to be a nit-picker, but you referred in 'Ghoul' to the 'classic Nash-Fontenberry UFO case', whereas the correct name is Fortenberry. Interestingly enough, Fortenberry was aboard a plane which 'mysteriously vanished' over the Pacific in 1957....."

Weird indeed, especially since FORTenberry suggests Charles FORT! (Get it?) - Editor.

TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

"The Pate Museum of Transportation is in the process of creating a permanent UFO exhibit which will be housed in a new building especially designed for this purpose.

"The UFO exhibit will consist of the many different aspects of the UFO phenomenon and covering its 30-year history. The exhibit is not intended to prove or disprove the subject of UFOs, but is being put together to better educate the public with authoritative and documented material.

"If any of your readers are interested in contributing material to this project, I advise them to contact me.....Credit will go to all those who have contributed something to this worthwhile project. My address is: 1002 Edmonds Lane, Apt. 152; Lewisville, Texas 75067."

The familiar voice of TOM BENSON cries out:

"You should not only be acclaimed 'Saucer Ghoul' editor for digging up pre-Columbian artifacts, but also for your keen interest in searching out UFO reports where the unsuspecting witness met a quick or not-so-quick death, and your pursuit of other paranormal events such as when the witness is suddenly consumed by fire from an unknown source. It is strongly recommended that you trace your ancestral tree back into Time. Possibly your roots include Transylvania?...."

ELLEN ROGERS writes:

".....It's refreshing to read a publication that treats UFOs with a bit of humor, which seems to be lacking in most newsletters...."

"It's very disappointing to hear that the panel of judges selected for the Cutty Sark UFO contest turned out to be anti-UFO. Stanton Friedman should not be too surprised at the outcome of this contest after taking the judges into consideration...."

GENE DUPLANTIER is a leading Canadian UFO researcher, and has been since the early 1950's. He is also quite an artist & cartoonist, and has illustrated a number of UFO books & zines for former UFO researcher Gray Barker, among others. On this page is an example of his work - taking off on the state of Ufological Paranoia that exists in Canada and elsewhere! Our thanks to Gene for this art work, which comes to us at the same price at which we distribute this non-scheduled newsletter.

