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In "Saucer Drool" (Page 2, last paragraph) we made reference to a leading ufologist other than Bill McIntyre whose educational qualifications have been called into question. We were referring to Bill Spaulding of GSW, and to a letter dated Sept. 10th, 1979 from Stanton Friedman to Spaulding - of which we have a copy. Friedman's main points are that Spaulding has claimed falsely to have a Bachelor of Science degree, and that he has claimed falsely to have about 500 professional people or scientists as members of GSW.

We recently met Spaulding for the first time, near his home in Phoenix, Arizona. Spaulding admits to having misinformed Friedman and possibly others regarding his having a B.S. degree, but claims he does have an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree, plus 400 hours of technical school training. He states that he won't release the names of his 500 members, as these people want anonymity. This is a reasonable excuse, but leaves us free to speculate that most of these people don't exist - especially since your "Saucer Stool" editor's membership card, issued relatively recently, is 078.

Spaulding seemed paranoid in regard to the idea that we intended to do a hatchet job on him. Apparently one of our Enemies in the Field had informed him that we intended to "hit" McIntyre, then Spaulding, and then several others. This is not true. We don't expect to have anything further to say about Spaulding on this point, and there are no others on any "hit list" - except the above-mentioned Enemy. (We know who he is!) And we still relish our position as New Jersey Director of GSW! Enough said.

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And now to close the lid on another of our investigations: On Page One of "Saucer Fool", we discussed the sensational Edward Meier contact case, as presented in the current book "UFO - Contact From The Pleiades". We have since read technical treatises, pro and con (way above our head!) regarding these controversial photographs, and we have spoken to a number of people regarding the matter in general. Our conclusion is that the only "experts" supporting the case are those involved in the preparation and/or distribution of the book: Lee Elvers, Wendelle Stevens, Ronald Spanbauer, and others. All other "experts" we consulted (i.e., Jim Lorenzen, Bill Spaulding, Stanton Friedman, and others) ranged from highly skeptical to hostile, in regard to the authenticity of the photos and associated claims. So you pay your money (about \$25 for the book!) and you take your choice. Incidentally, a second volume of about 100 pages will be out by late summer, according to Elvers. It's price will be somewhat higher.

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NEWS BRIEFIES:

On May 17th, your humble "Saucer Stool" editor is throwing a pre-Con-vention Pep Party (or some such), at our ancestral home at 121 69th St., Guttenberg, N.J. For details phone us at 201-869-8053.....On April 26th, Timothy Greed Beckley is sponsoring a day-long convention at Phillips Hall, 520 Park Ave. (at 60th St.) in New York City. Among the speakers will be the Legendary John Keel and yours truly. For details phone Tim at 212-MU-5-4080.....Jaclyn Smith of the TV show "Charlie's Angels" has been hit with a 20 million dollar lawsuit by a southern California man who claims she has ruined his life by contacting him telepathically, with the intent of causing him mental anguish. He says that the telepathic messages have excited him sexually, and have resulted in his inability to continue a career as a writer and student. Ms. Smith calls the suit "hogwash". (A later news story states that the suit was thrown out of court.)....

Non-subscriber Kevin McCray has a long list of UFO books & periodicals he is selling. Contact him at 5930 Dakar Road West, Westerville, Ohio 43081.....Phil Collins (219 Johnson St., W.W., Ashland, Ky. 41101) is interested in exchanging info on Mothman, a creature that hangs out near his part of the country. He and others will be visiting the Mothman area and some of the witnesses this summer, and would be glad to correspond with interested persons or creatures.....On the evening of March 4th, your humble "Saucer Stool" editor was on the Candy Jones radio show in New York, with Judith Gansberg, co-authoress of a new UFO book called "Direct Encounters - Personal Histories of UFO Abductees". The book is a well-written factual account of the experiences of nine contactees who chose to "go public" with their stories, and it goes on to explain how these UFO experiences changed their lives....A further discussion of the same book will take place on the Candy Jones Show from midnight April 13th to 5 a.m. (April 14th). Moseley fans, if any, are invited to tune in. Timothy Greed Beckley will also be aboard....

Harry Belil's "UFO Update" for Summer 1980 (a little premature!) has an article entitled "Super-Skeptic" about our olde buddie Jim Oberg. The article starts with an attractive cartoon of Oberg skipping through the sky in a Superman costume, but the text of the article has little meaning, pro or con, as far as we could discern.....Phil Klass is getting married this June, and we sincerely wish him well. But will it kill the ugly rumors that seem to surround all unmarried ufologists?.....We caught non-subscriber Harry Lebelson's excessively Negative article about the San Diego convention in the April 1980 issue of "Omni". Tsk, tsk, Harry!....We also caught a preview trailer for the TV documentary "Overlords of the UFOs" on New York's Channel Five recently. What did they show in the background but brief scenes from the notorious Lost Creek UFO film. Tsk, tsk, Channel Five!.....

The Middlesex News, Tues., March 11, 1980

No close encounter

United Press International

No one has seen Edilcio Barbosa since his promised close encounter with a flying saucer fizzled in Casimiro de Abreu, Brazil. His announcement that the saucer from Jupiter would free four kidnapped earthlings Friday drew 10,000 spectators. They waited all night and they were not happy. Barbosa says it's their own fault — that "The ship did not land because at the exact instant of set-down 40 people were lying right on the landing pad."

2 aliens who accused police officer disappear

By KEN WALTON
Fort Worth Bureau of The News
FORT WORTH - "

tively pursuing" that investigation and

ANOTHER IN OUR FASCINATING SERIES
OF OCCASIONAL SEMI-SERIOUS EDITORIALS

-Written High (very) over the U.S., en route from New York to Phoenix, Ar.-

In view of "Dr." McIntyre's criticisms (see his letter further along in this issue), and that of several others from time to time, we feel a need to re-define our Purpose, if any, in the publication of this zine.

In effect, a number of people have expressed the feeling that we make Ufology "look bad" by our presentation of feuds, hoaxes, obviously absurd viewpoints, and other Negative material. We are not, we are told, properly backing the Ufological Team. We are demeaning the Field in the eyes of the General Public by "washing our dirty linen in public", rather than doing our bit to wield this unwieldy group of saucerers into something resembling a United Front. Above all, we give too much Space & attention to the ravings of the super-critics. (* See Footnote.)

Quite naturally, we plead guilty to all of the above charges. We feel that there are already enough journals that advocate UFOs, and even a couple of journals devoted basically to an "anti" position. Nothing is needed less than still another zine purporting to prove, re-prove, and super-prove the existence of UFOs!

Has it occurred to anyone that, if truly mysterious flying saucers really do exist, they will continue to do so in spite of the howls of the skeptics, and if they don't, no amount of Unity among the Believers will bring them into being?

Our purposes in "Saucer Stool" (not necessarily in order of importance) are:

- To satisfy our own over-inflated ego. (Why should we be any more modest than the astoundingly egocentric clubheads and skeptics?)

- To help deflate other egos.

- To amuse. (Ha!)

- To inform.

- To entertain, if possible.

- To cause our little band of loyal non-subscribers to think along new lines, to consider new ideas, and above all, just to think rather than to advocate.

In our opinion, the "science" of Ufology is at present slightly less advanced than was astronomy in the depths of the Middle Ages! But there is hope. Apparently a real phenomenon, whatever it may ultimately turn out to be, is behind these weird sightings, landings, etc. As the years go by, the educational level of the loudest voices on both sides of the argument is increasing - slowly but perceptibly. Some day, if we all live long enough, the mystery will be solved, or will solve itself.

Meanwhile, our peculiar fascination remains in the far-out, fascinating personalities who have been attracted to both sides of the argument. We do not mean to laugh unkindly at anyone, but rather to chronicle, in our pseudo-humble way, a unique sociological phenomenon of our times.

Increasingly, it appears there may even be a relationship between the personalities of the researchers and the phenomenon itself. Perhaps saucers are neither 3D nor 4D, but, as we suggested semi-facetiously some time ago, 3½D or thereabouts. As "Professor" Adamski used to say, "Time Will Tell".

Meanwhile, if we must have a serious message, it would be: Don't take yourselves too damn seriously! Don't be dogmatic! Hopefully, even the saucer entities (if any) have a sense of humor.

(* Footnote: Out of Respect, we will not mention Klass, Oberg or Sheaffer by name in this editorial.)

LETTERS TO YE EDITOR

LUCIUS FARISH writes:

"....Tsk, tsk, Jim. You should be ashamed of yourself for saying that Easley's 'NOUFOG Newsletter' is 'the only monthly UFO publication these days'. Are you forgetting 'MUFON UFO Journal', 'APRO Bulletin', 'UFO Investigator', 'International UFO Reporter', 'Mundo Monitor', and last but hopefully not least, 'UFO Newsclipping Service'? I trust you'll print a full apology to all us industrious editors/publishers in a forthcoming issue of 'Saucer Whatever'....."

26 A The Dallas Morning News

Dead people still on rolls, panel told

AUSTIN (UPI) — Staff members of "

We have goofed again, and Lou is correct. We meant to call Bob Easley's "Northern Ohio UFO Group Newsletter" the only on time monthly, but even that statement would apparently have been inaccurate. Anyhow, Bob says he will send a FREE COPY of his newsletter to anyone who writes in, so, once again, here is his address: 3403 West 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111.
- Editor.

RONALD SPANBAUER writes:

"....As for your zine being 'philosophical in nature', I can sense rumblings in the Great Beyond as Plato, Descartes, Hume, Spinoza, Kant and others race to the toilet!...."

No, Ron, we feel that these gentlemen are merely spinning merrily in their graves! Our research shows that there are no bathrooms in the Great Beyond. - Editor.

DR. THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes:

"What the hell is MARCEN? Perhaps we should get statistics on those who are not members of MARCEN. How many others like me have all the qualifications: 3 degrees above bachelor's, service in WWII as a USNR officer, age over 40 (actually I'm 66), former college professor teaching astronomy, former hobbies of flying, photography, and mountain climbing (where I never saw a UFO!) I am a 'Dr.' only because I spent four years drawing conclusions from spectra of nebulae - conclusions that have long since been replaced by a newer and better theory (from Harvard, of course.)

"I don't like Klass any more than I like 'Dr.' McIntyre, but I guess Klass has properly de-doctored McIntyre. Now let him try the late Velakovsky, who out-ranged UFOs with comets and more biblical references than the late Donald Menzel could ever dream up. Velakovsky's 'Worlds in Collision' far surpasses any UFO claims, and has left a nationwide organization of supporters. They are gullible enough to believe that Venus was once a comet and stopped the Earth's rotation as it passed during the Battle of Jericho.

"Martin Gardiner has a good analysis in his 'Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science', but leaves an open question: Do these fads and fallacies spur on true science?

"(signed) Thornton Page, Avid reader of Moseley's FOOLishness."

Kindly old "DR." BILL McINTYRE writes:

"Dear Jackass Editor:

"May a diarrhea-stricken syphillitic camel rape your left nostril while making a deposit in your armpit.

"Writing with sadness, huh (in 'Saucer Drool')? It sure as hell sounded like writing with glee from here. I'm sure you realize that you

have probably now mended your fences all the way from Andrus to Zechel, but what the hell have you really done for Ufology?....

"According to my correspondents so far and to my previous way of thinking, the issue of my doctorate was really not all that germane to the issue. If you wished to check out my credentials, you were and are welcome to personally come and examine them. No one that has written me or called me about this really cared from the beginning of association with us/MARCEN whether I really was a bona fide Doctor or not, basically because it never was really germane, since I never claimed that it gave me any special qualification to be a Ufologist. I am not and never claimed to be any sort of scientist, mathematician, psychologist, etc., so it did not increase or decrease my ability to be a Ufologist, except that perhaps the less the education, the further one can advance in this so-called field.

"What is germane is your attack on MARCEN, and it certainly appears that you greatly exceeded the bounds established by Klass in your musings. It seems to be forgotten that we are a public tax-supported non-profit organization that must account for all it says and does to IRS, the Postal Service, God, and assorted other bureaucrats. If we claim any specified membership, believe me we have to account for it to IRS as well as the money from dues, etc. If not to their satisfaction, we would be out of business and probably writing this from the same cell as one of your other former non-subscribers. There is also a matter of records and receipts for numbers of pieces mailed through the Postal Service. We certainly have all these records and more to verify the size and extent of the membership....

"What is the issue, are we to be penalized by success?....We did not set out to build a large organization or to fight with anyone or to put anyone out of business. What we did do was to take a completely new approach toward soliciting membership and a type of membership that we thought could work together to finally achieve something in the field. We took the right steps from the beginning, in getting our non-profit status and acquiring our own printing equipment, and with these two tools we mailed more than 200,000 letters of solicitation in a year. What in Hell is so remarkable about achieving a 5% return from the solicitations? What is remarkable is the fact that we did succeed in bringing many thousand closet Forteans out into the open or at least semi-open, since we promised not to publicize anyone not so desiring....

"No, we are not proud of the fact that we have not been able to complete all of the promises we originally made and sincerely tried to carry out, but we believe that the membership is basically happy or at least so the vast majority of our correspondence and polls indicate, and we are trying our best to surmount various obstacles and improve our performance all the time. If any members of MARCEN feel from your 'expose' that they were misled into joining, they are welcome to return their membership materials and disassociate, and in the case of sustaining members a dues refund will be made. A letter to this effect will be published in the next issue of the 'Journal of the Forteans of MARCEN'....

"In case you thought or expected that I would provide continuing copy for 'Saucer Stool' by retaliating with unkind words about Klass, you, or both, don't hold your breath too long, for that is not my style. My only regret is that I am admittedly not as smart as Todd Zechel. He was at least able to take you for a few thousand before he became the subject of your zine....

"I want to pass along a comment that I am hearing more and more frequently in the last few months - that James W. Moseley is either a willing member of the Klass plot to destroy organized Ufology or is being used as an unwitting patsy. There appears to be much concern that you are a direct pipeline to the skeptics and that you are too willing to print their viewpoints and attacks, at the same time you help to destroy Ufologists by printing the sensational and idiotic, resulting in diminished credibility for the entire field....."

PHIL KLASS writes:

"In the March 1st edition of 'Saucer Drool', you quote me (correctly) as having observed to a young 'Baltimore Sun' reporter that 'UFOs enable people who are nobodies to become famous celebrities.' To which you appended: 'Right! Who, outside of the Aerospace Division of the Military/Industrial Complex ever heard of Phil Klass before he became a professional UFO skeptic?' That depends on the date at which I became 'a professional UFO skeptic.'

"More germane is the question of whether I have achieved recognition outside the influential circle of 'Aviation Week & Space Technology' readers, and outside my Ufological activities.

"The enclosures suggest that I have. For example, the feature news story in 'Time' Magazine, Aug. 30th, 1971, based on my then new book on 'spy satellites', the first ever published on the U.S. and Russian reconnaissance spacecraft. 'Reuters' released a similar article, carried by many newspapers here and abroad. Note also the letter of Sept. 10th, 1971, from a representative of the Australian Parliament seeking more information on the 'secret' U.S. tracking station in Australia. And the 'New York Times Magazine' article of Sept. 3rd, 1972, on the same subject, which it asked me to write.

"I was interviewed on the NBC-TV 'Today' show on Sept. 22nd, 1971, on the subject of 'spy satellites', and again on the same subject several years ago with Mike Wallace on CBS-TV's popular '60 Minutes'. I have also appeared on Italian and, as I recall, German TV on the same subject. Also, I have appeared twice on the BBC/Education TV Network show Nova, once to discuss high-energy lasers and once on the so-called Bermuda Triangle.

"I could cite other examples, but the foregoing should suffice to show that recognition of my expertise extends far beyond the much-maligned 'Military/Industrial Complex' and far beyond the field of Ufology."

PETE MAZZOLA of The SBI (Scientific Bureau of Investigation, Inc.) writes as follows:

"Thank you for your literature. The wit and information which comprises the publication is truly sensational. As a pioneer of Ufology, which you are, it gave me great pleasure to converse with you on the telephone recently. No matter what anyone has to say about you, pro or con, you have become a legend in your own time....

"Our organization does not boast of doctorate degrees, personnel, equipment, or any other nonsense propaganda tactic used by many of our illustrious Ufologists. We do boast, however, that the SBI will soon be as respected and famed as any UFO organization around the world. WE FEAR NO MAN, ORGANIZATION, OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.....

"The 'George Washington' of Ufology, namely Dr. J. Allen Hynek, has reigned over the UFO circle for many years, unfortunately, and he has been sitting on his 'crown' all the time. The SBI knows it has hurt Hynek's pocketbook and reputation when several of his agents begin calling our Headquarters in lieu of a possible mutual co-operation in exchanging data.This has indeed occurred already, since 50% of our investigative body is composed of personnel with a law enforcement background. I being a police officer myself, have influence on others in a similar profession as myself. Therefore, Dr. Hynek is becoming worried. He has great cause to worry, as we have not yet begun to fight. Wait until we begin our campaign of advertisement and our tour of the U.S. Then I suggest to Hynek to worry!

"....You, Mr. Moseley, have the SBI's undivided attention and support. Keep up the good work, and good luck with the Convention on June 20-21, 1980....."

BILL LUTTERS writes:

"I just thought I would drop you a line and thank you for the latest

issue of 'Saucer Fool'.

"I was kind of disappointed there was no update on Ted Kennedy's campaign. I have heard from a reliable source that his campaign slogan is going to be 'A blonde in every pond'!....."

JOAN THOMPSON writes:

"....I continue to greatly enjoy your newsletter and appreciate the effort you go to, to make it so enjoyable and informative.

"I'm hoping to be able to attend the June New York convention, but just now I cannot be definite as to whether I'll be there."

MARGARET SACHS writes:

"....Re the Mexican farmer and his giant vegies, I sent a newspaper clipping on it to CSICOP and asked if they'd be interested in looking into it further. Perhaps they already are. Maybe that's how Jim Oberg grew so tall!....."

KEN BEHRENDT, Director of PROTEUS, writes:

"....I was disturbed to read about all the fuss over whether Dr. Williard McIntyre has a doctoral degree from the University of Missouri or not. Ufology is starting to show the same saddening concern over degrees and backgrounds that other elitist social institutions and groups develop in an effort to bolster their own sagging egos and cover up feelings of inadequacy. Since I know of no schools conferring degrees in ufology, I feel previous academic experience is of little value in approaching the phenomena. What is needed is a new mental outlook which transcends mundane human experience. Needless to say, egotism and elitism are not part of this new outlook. If humanity ever hopes to be openly contacted by extraterrestrials, then we must demonstrate to them that we have eliminated the constant and often violent competition that describes the majority of mankind - replacing it with the mutually supportive cooperation that marks a morally advanced race. Only then will we be ready to share the gifts of super technologies.

"Secondly, I feel it is also time that someone spoke up in defense of the hoaxsters and hucksters of ufology, for these people are, in fact, a real and legitimate part of the field. Even though their vocalization is considered an embarrassment to the 'scientific' ufologists, we should not forget that they provide valuable insight into the nature of the human mind and its need to rationalize the universe. Sociologically, they provide data on the continuum of human response to a real phenomenon, and should be considered in the same category as UFO trace evidence. They also help define the limits of what we consider 'fact' and stimulate research into the verification of that fact.

"Finally, the photos on Page 5 of 'Saucer Drool' were a welcome and interesting surprise. My careful photoanalysis of the 'UFO' being trucked out of the hanger showed that the truck is of the low profile flatbed type used to transport construction equipment and a set of tires for this vehicle is visible at the rear of the truck. The white 'UFO' was most likely added during the printing process by placing the appropriately shaped paper cutout on the print during the enlarging process. Anyway, I'd certainly like to see more photos in upcoming issues....."

The inevitable TOM BENSON writes:

"Your sudden, often semi-mysterious trips, usually to the western part of the country, are suspect because of your keen fascination with shrunken heads, etc., which are one of the macabre artifacts associated with devil and other assorted satanic cults & rituals. Oddly, also linked with these cults are cattle mutilations, which usually occur out west....I wonder if there is a correlation between these incidents and your trip's route!....."

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UFO MEDIA: PLEASE COPY!

GIANT UFO CONVENTION PLANNED FOR NEW YORK CITY:

This is it! On June 20th and 21st, the largest indoor UFO convention since 1967 will be held at the Doral Inn, at Lexington Avenue & 49th Street, New York City.

The convention will be sponsored by the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, of which UFO researcher James W. Moseley is Chairman. This will be the 17th consecutive year that this annual event has been held in one city or another around the United States - thus making the organization the oldest of its kind in this country!

Speakers include:

STANTON FRIEDMAN - nuclear physicist & nationally-known lecturer
BETTY HILL - whose UFO contact story has stunned the nation!
ART FORD - expert on the Bermuda Triangle & other Fortean events
PHILIP J. KLASS - aviation writer & arch-skeptic of the UFO field
RICK HILBERG - famed UFO author and researcher
ROBERT EASLEY - Chairman of the Northern Ohio UFO Group

The two public sessions of the Conference will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, June 21st. Delegates and other interested persons from out of town will want to arrive on Friday the 20th and stay over till Sunday the 22nd. Special convention rates at the Doral Inn will be \$49 for a single room and \$61 for a double. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by writing to Trudy Cohen, Sales Manager, at the Doral's address (above), and enclosing a check or money order for at least one of the two nights involved. Please make sure you mention the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE in your letter, in order to get this special convention rate.

The cost of attending the two public sessions will be \$10 each, or \$15 for both. You can obtain an advance ticket for the two sessions by sending a check or money order for \$15 to: James W. Moseley, P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024.

There will also be a free session on Saturday morning for delegates and other interested parties. This will include additional speakers and open discussion of current Ufological topics.