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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR GIANT PRE-CONVENTION PARTY on the evening of Saturday, May 17th. All non-subscribers and other interested persons are welcome. Address: 121 69th St., Guttenberg, N.J. - just minutes from the Lincoln Tunnel (by jet). Phone: 201-869-8053.....Timothy Greed Beckley held a successful UFO symposium in New York City on April 26th, with speakers that included the legendary John Keel and yours truly....Speaking of Keel, he has agreed to join the speakers list for our glorious forthcoming convention on June 21st. A tongue-in-cheek letter from ole John can be found further along in this issue. It was written just before the Beckley symposium....And, again speaking of Keel, he has a cover story about Mothman and UFOs in the May issue of "High Times" Magazine. The article is a rehash of his previous ravings, whereas his current lecture is far better....

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED of someone to operate the slide projector and 16 mm. movie projector during the New York convention. It would be an all-day job, from 10 a.m. to at least 11 p.m., with time off for meals, booze, etc. If any non-subscriber wants to volunteer or knows someone who would, he/she/it should get in touch with us as soon as possible..... The April issue of "Omni" has an "in depth" interview with non-subscriber James ("The Amazing") Randi, in which he expresses his unfortunately negative attitudes about various off-beat subjects. Tsk, tsk, Randi!....Because of his impending marriage, super-skeptic Phil Klass has canceled out on our June 21st convention. His place on the program will be taken by Bob Sheaffer of Silver Spring, Maryland, a lesser known but equally Negative thinker. A formal debate is planned between Sheaffer and our Numero Uno pro-UFO speaker, Stanton Friedman....Major Colman VonKeviczky (or some such) has published a book under his own imprint, entitled "Project WASA", which sells for \$22 in the U.S.A. and \$27.50 elsewhere. We have not seen the book, but based on the good Major's past performance, we can assume the book to be overrated and overpriced. It has received, however, a "rave" review from non-subscriber Jerome Eden of the "Eden Bulletin". (We learn all this from non-subscriber George Fox, as Jerome no longer sends us his zine, for some reason)....

On April 13th, your "Saucer Sneer" editor was on Candy Jones' WMCA radio show again, with Tim Beckley and authoress Judith Gansberg. Unbeknown to the listeners, interference over the telephone lines (while taking listeners' calls) caused us to change studios in the middle of the program. During that same period we were discussing the Men in Black phenomenon, among other things. Is there any connection????....We also recently did a syndicated 2-hour radio talk show for Barry Farber, accompanied by non-subscribers Art Ford and Mike Luckman. Art seems to have some really wild stuff to divulge at our convention!....But perhaps the strangest interview we've ever done was a recent one for the RKO radio network - in which we talked for 10 minutes or so for an interview that is squeezed down to 90 SECONDS when it goes on the air! Gary McKenzie is the host.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

Famed UFO author BRAD STEIGER writes:

"Hope all is well with you.

"We thought the enclosed was worthy of your ongoing 'Aliens' series.
(See bottom of this page.)

"Keep up the good work!....."

Nuclear Physicist STANTON T. FRIEDMAN (soon to lecture at the 1980 National UFO Conference in N.Y.C.) writes:

"I am afraid you have misunderstood my concern with Bill Spaulding as expressed in my Sept. 10th, 1979 letter to him. I don't really care what degrees Bill has or how many members belong to GSW or what their names are. I very much care about honesty and integrity. If, as clearly seems to be the case, Bill has misstated his professional background and the number of GSW members, can he be believed when he makes other statements about UFOs in general, about UFO photographs in particular, or about specific cases?

"Many people have accepted Bill's 'analyses' at face value because they believed that he is an aerospace engineer professionally qualified to analyze photographs and accustomed by training and experience to be objective and truthful. His commentaries and frequent habit of presenting conclusions not derivable from available data have convinced the professionals I know that his analyses cannot be trusted.

"Bill obtained platforms for his views on the Tomorrow Show, the Today Show, the New York Times, and other places on the basis of his being an 'aerospace engineer'. As I said in my Sept. 10th letter, misrepresentation should have no place in ufology. I should think that those of us concerned about 'Dr.' McIntyre are also concerned about a similar problem. If an individual misrepresents his qualifications, we have to ask what else he is misrepresenting and about his motivation. Is it attention and acceptance that would not come his way without the deception? Any individual so concerned about acceptance and not willing to earn it by what he does, but trying to take shortcuts, must be considered suspect.

"I am afraid that a similar situation exists concerning Wendelle Stevens and the Meier case. Everybody I know, including me, likes Wendelle. Unfortunately, he seems to have consistently gone beyond the data in his conclusions about both the Meier case and the William Hermann case of Charleston, S.C. I believe there needs to be a very careful distinction between what is and what might be. Donald Menzel and Phil Klass have, of course, been equally guilty of this kind of switch. I really think we all must have more tolerance for ambiguity and have a 'gray' basket of questions to which we can only answer 'I don't have enough data yet to decide one way or another.'

"Incidentally, with regard to Spaulding, I would like to know from whom the AA degree was obtained. It is difficult to be impressed by 400 hours of technical training. It seems to me that 8 one-semester courses would about do it. I did acknowledge in my letter to Bill that I found that he had attended Griswold Technical Institute in Cleveland for seven

○ The Arizona Republic

**Aliens collecting U.S. welfare—
Congress trying to close
loophole allowing abuse** **payments**

weeks in March-May of 1961 for a 12 hour per week electronics course, which would have supplied 84 hours - though he didn't finish the course.

"One more item about misrepresentation: An interview I did with a Seattle TV station was included in 'Overlords of the UFOs' without my permission or approval. The movie is absolutely rotten. I had nothing to do with anything but my interview and had strongly rejected an early attempt by William Allan of Washington state to get me involved. I had signed a release on the TV interview - stupidly.

"I'll see you in New York in mid June. Do I need to bring my own gloves for my debate with Phil Klass?"

As stated earlier in this issue, Klass has been replaced by Bob Sheaffer for the Great Debate. - Editor.

The inevitable RON SPANBAUER writes:

"Sorry to hear about Spaulding and his recent bout with paranoia. Every new area of research needs a victim and it would seem that Bill has become Ufology's pin cushion. Whether or not he deserves this is not for me to say. I am just a lone wolf on the fringe of the pack, and this is my observation. There are others out there who also deserve to be scrutinized and intimidated the way Spaulding has been, and in time each will have his turn.

"As for the Pleiadian affair, I believe you have stated your position admirably, fairly, and to my satisfaction. There will always be two schools of thought whenever a case as provocative as this one surfaces. And, in time, it is hoped that there will be developed or discovered a method of separating the wheat from the chaff, but until that happens, it's anybody's ballgame.

"As for those 'involved in the production and/or distribution of the book(s) making a buck....', I can only tell you that Ron Spanbauer has spent more money promoting said book than he has made selling the god-damn thing! It is for this reason that I have considered bowing out on Volume Two, if and when the fucking thing ever comes out!....If there is any money to be made, it will be Genesis III who makes it. Even so, that should not undermine the importance of the case nor should it make Genesis III's efforts any less sincere...."

Newcomer (to us) ROBERT J. SCHADEWALD writes:

"A-Steamed Editor:

"I have no desire to get in the middle of a micturating contest between you and 'Dr.' McIntyre....but I've recently come across a copy of 'Bear's Guide to Non-Traditional College Degrees' (6th edition), by John Bear. This work is very complete, and covers everything from ultra-respectable extension courses offered by Harvard to diplomas available for as little as \$10.

"McIntyre's claimed alma mater, 'The University External College', is not listed at all. The closest thing is in Bear's Chapter 13, 'Degree Mills, Diploma Mills, and Questionable Schools'. He says that in the early 1960's, the U.S. Office of Education issued an Initial List of Degree Mills which included 'Universal Extension Conservatory', 2000 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Il. 60616.

"Keep up the good (?) work...."

The esteemed AL GREENFIELD writes:

"I really think the program you have lined up for your convention strikes an exemplary balance - one contactee, one skeptic, one 'scientific Ufologist', one Fortean, and a couple of Middle Ufologists....

"Incidentally, I think your current 'Saucer Etc.' exposes are first-

Both Castration And Dehorning Needed

Castrating and dehorning

U.S. Likely To Restrict Alien Raids

WASHINGTON (AP)
Attorney General
Benjamin R. Civiletti is

IT'S DOUBTFUL that it will give any of the candidates pause but these are the facts: William Henry Harrison was elected president in 1840, caught pneumonia at the inaugural ceremony and died on April 4, 1841. Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1860 and was fatally shot in Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865. James A. Garfield was elected in 1880 and shot by a mentally disturbed office seeker in September 1881, dying soon after of complications (probably caused by inept medical care.) William McKinley was re-elected in 1900 and killed by an assassin in September 1901.

Warren G. Harding was elected in 1920 and died in 1923. Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected in 1940 and died in 1945. John F. Kennedy was elected in 1960 and assassinated in 1963.

In other words, every president elected every 20th year since 1840 has died in office.

Pay more attention this election to the guys running for vice president.

rate journalism, and show what kind of an asshole field Ufology tends to be, under its gross 'scientific' pretensions. Anyone who would imply from your work that you are a 'spy' or whatever misses the whole point not only of what you're doing, but what integrity and research are all about!

"Now, when do I get my \$10?...."

Our sincere thanks to Al for the above. And, yes, your \$10 is in the mail! - Editor.

BARRY GREENWOOD writes:

"I relish the opportunity to participate in your lively newsletter.

"Regarding Phil Klass' letter in the April 10th 'Saucer Stool', may I suggest that, for all intents and purposes, the date of his becoming a 'professional UFO skeptic' was the release date of the August 22nd, 1966 issue of 'Aviation Week & Space Technology', in which he proposed the Plasma Theory as an explanation of UFO sightings. From that point on, Klass became a well-known skeptic, widely commented upon for his theory.

"I don't doubt for one minute Klass' expertise in the examples he cited. These examples, however, all date at least several years after his initial UFO fame, and thus do not refute your tongue-in-cheek comment on his 'Baltimore Sun' quote. If Mr. Klass could cite earlier (i.e., pre-1966) examples of his expertise outside of the 'Military/Industrial Complex', these would more correctly address your comment.

"Here's one for Jim Oberg, who, I assume, will be reading your output in the near future. In the Fall 1978 issue of the 'Skeptical Inquirer', Page 40, Oberg comments on the Joe Walker X-15 UFO incident as follows: 'This story appears to be a complete fabrication.'

"Oberg correctly criticizes errors in reports of astronaut UFO sightings, but what is his basis for calling the Walker report a complete fabrication? According to press reports of May 11th, 1962, Walker stated at the May 10th, 1962 meeting of the 'National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space' in Seattle, Washington, that a rearward pointed camera mounted on the X-15 fuselage recorded 'five or six mysterious objects.'

"While there may be a mundane explanation for the supposedly photographed images, the important point now is that if Oberg has evidence that no such incident occurred, as his comment implies, it would be of value to know this information! I would especially like to know if Oberg consulted the proceedings of the meeting at which it was reported Walker had attended. I have not seen but would like to see exactly what Walker said"

An excellent letter! - Editor.

JON BECKJORD of "Project Bigfoot" writes:

"I had a great time meeting with you, John Keel, and other UFO-Fort-eans in N.Y.C. just prior to going on the 'Good Morning America' show to spout off about my theory that Bigfoot (and UFOs) are first cousins to the Cheshire Cat (from 'Alice in Wonderland'), in that they are interdimensional - an idea that Keel, J. Allen Hynek, Worley, Coleman, Clark, and now even Jacques Vallee have been playing with for years. However, rather than just spouting, I managed to get the show to put on the air actual photos of Bigfoot type animals that I and others have been taking pictures of - but still not seeing - at a campground in the high Sierras.

"Later I also managed to meet with non-subscribers Phil Klass and Robert Sheaffer in D.C., where we viewed the Patterson Bigfoot film (1967) and my controversial slides, and then retired to a hamburger joint to devour burgers and debate. Bruce Maccabee said that in all his experience in renting gorilla suits for parties he had never encountered a 'suit' that would come even close to the Patterson animal. Klass, of course, said it was obviously a man in a suit; but Sheaffer, maintaining that the large derriere with dividing line (as nature intended, no doubt) was unnatural (How many gorilla suits even have a behind to them, Bob?), was heard to admit that it was the best viewing (in slow motion and six times enlarged) that he had ever seen of the film, and that he could see why some (obviously misguided souls) biomechanical scientists might have been impressed. But in the end, Sheaffer stuck to the Klass line and to CSICOP dogma. Project Bigfoot is sending him and 'Skeptical Inquirer' editor Ken Frazier (also CSICOP) the prized joint award for 'Best Eyesight of any CSICOP Member'. Frazier had earlier admitted that he could see the Sasquatch we call 'Big Mama' in our Sierra photos, although he would not, being a loyal CSICOPer, admit the figure was indeed an animal; and Sheaffer not only saw 'her' but was able to pick out others (which are also present in the photos, but not as clearly as B.M.), with the caveat that he too would not admit they were living things.

"Should Bigfoot be a part of 'Saucer Stool'? You bet! Note the business about derrieres. Also, since some UFO occupants are alleged by some contactees and viewers to be Bigfoot types, Bigfoot thus is related to a degree to UFOs. Call them BHM, if you will (Big Hairy Monsters).

"Re McIntyre, I'd say he protesteth too much....

"Persons interested in BHM or Bigfoot can contact us through the Bigfoot Hotline at 206-525-3302, or by writing to: Project Bigfoot, Box 444 Northgate Station, Seattle, Washington 98125."

The semi-legendary JOHN KEEL writes:

"If I had known you were going to attend Timothy Greed's dazzling UFO spectacular, I would certainly never have agreed to lend my august presence to those proceedings. Now it is too late for me to back out. Hundreds upon hundreds of my panting, hollow-eyed fans have shelled out twenty bucks each, and arrangements have been made to broadcast my speech via satellite to 72 countries.

"For many years I have been telling you that the UFO 'secret' is well known and is spelled out completely in the Bible (remember, too, that I'm an atheist), and in the works of Charles Fort. Ivan Sanderson, like myself, bemoaned the fact that all the so-called 'researchers' seemed incapable of research and apparently never read anything. It is even sadder that so few actual investigations have been carried out. Conversations with witnesses are not investigations.

"Some time ago I laid out ten bucks for a mail order doctorate to ease my problems with the IRS, etc. I hope you will treat me with the respect due me. Morris K. Jessup was elevated to doctorhood by Bill Moore. This is your chance to make me a member of that illustrious rabble that includes Dan Fry, Hynek, Art Ford (the medium), Edgar G. Robinson, and Harry Houdini.

"Stick it in your ear. (signed) Dr. J. Alva Keel"

TOM BENSON writes:

"Pete Mazzola's (of the SBI) verbiage in 'Saucer Stool', stating, 'We fear no man, organization, or Governmental agency', sounded like some kind of 'macho' hangup or a like line right out of G. Gordon Liddy's book, 'Will'. I say to SBI - beware the Three Men in Black and other assorted star people that roam the Earth!!

"Mazzola's other verbiage, 'Our organization does not boast of doctorate degrees, personnel equipment, or any other nonsense propaganda tactics used by many of our illustrious Ufologists' - indicates a need for an organizational name change: I suggest that SBI change its name, because of their unscientific, unobjective, anti-intellectual, unsubstantiated claims to USBI - meaning: 'Un-Scientific Bureau of Investigation'.

"(signed) Tom Benson, Secret Agent for Dr. J. Allen Hynek"

BOB EASLEY, who will be (we sincerely hope) a lecturer at our New York convention, writes:

"I received 'Saucer Stool' today, and in honor of your publication, I read it while taking a healthy shit in the bathroom of my suite here in beautiful, expensive Strongsville, Ohio. Yes, I'm like normal people in that respect; I shit in the bathroom and not in the kitchen or closet.

"Anyway, I see that you are up to your usual standards of excellence. Despite all your critics, I feel that there is a definite need in the Ufological field for your highly entertaining publication. It helps to remind us that we are all human and subject to error. Keep up the good work!

"I suggest that you check out Dr. Page's education. His letter in 'Stool' included quite a few misspelled words - probably as many as you will find in this letter, as I'm too lazy to reach over and grab my Doubleday Dictionary. The misspellings would either be the fault of Dr. Page or else you can't copy letters very good. Could it be that you need new glasses? Come clean with us, Jim...."

Strangely, I do need new glasses, but I think the problem here is Dr. Page's horrible handwriting. By saying this I am politely side-stepping the issue in such a way that the misspellings become neither his fault nor mine. - Editor.

Our old friend GENE BUCK writes as follows:

"After all these years of skepticism, I have finally had an experience that has made me a True Believer. And, you know how I've felt about this UFO thing all along - till now.

"Last week I took a five-day back-packing mountain climb with two friends....On the third day, when we had reached a position roughly 200 feet from the crater summit, a heavy fog surrounded us, and somehow I became separated from my companions. I panicked, Jim, and began searching wildly for my friends. Suddenly I found myself in an uncompromising situation, holding onto a craggy wall of broken rock. I could neither go up nor down, and the footing I had chosen was crumbling away!

"I held on for the better part of an hour, until suddenly, the rocks beneath my feet gave way, and I slid down, across the horrible face of the mountain some sixty feet, grabbing frantically for anything substantial to break my slide. To my good fortune there was a narrow ledge directly below me. I came to a sudden, jolting halt, and sprained my ankle on the ledge. My face and arms were bloody, and my clothing was torn beyond repair. I didn't know it at the time, but I had a dislocated shoulder. I ached from head to foot. And still, I could neither go up nor down. But I was alive!

"There was just enough room on my perch to stretch out completely, and after an hour or so, I was fast asleep. I was cold, and it was dark

when I awoke. Something bothered my consciousness at that moment. I felt there were eyes on me. An animal? A bird? Or perhaps a HUMAN? I have never felt such a keenly ominous feeling in my life!

"Suddenly, Jim, I was aware of the presence of something in the air, hovering nearby, and just as suddenly I spotted a dozen very bright lights to my left, not fifty yards away! The lights just hung there for several minutes and then moved upwards quite swiftly, and away, to my right.

"I fell asleep again, and when I awoke it was with a start. For there on the ledge with me were two beings, each with a three-colored plaque on its chest, and poised with a small pointed weapon that discharged an inky substance.

"'What....who....who are you?' I stammered.

"'Never mind US,' said the largest one, firmly. 'What's YOUR name, and how many bathrooms do you have?'"

ORESTES WILSON, a long-time Fan, writes:

"Thanks for your steady issues. Too bad some of the readers must send filthy letters, among the decent ones....

"One line by Todd Zechel that you printed recently really was worthwhile: 'Why not really cleanse your Soul?' That is hitting the truth for sure. The neglect of the progression of the Soul of each individual has been our main downfall for all these centuries. For we failed to serve our Higher selves and satisfied the lower self, and that has brought the planet to the brink of destruction. We should all become more Spiritual...."

ROBERT DICKHOFF (alias Maitreya-Dkof) writes:

"You miserable CIA Agent and rotten worm in any Apple - Hi! Twice you have sent me a cheap postcard marked 'Top Secret CIA Communique' and 'Top Secret'. Are you naive or plain nuts, when you mark such items on a postcard for anyone, even J. Carter, to read? Don't answer that one; I already know the answer! And why do you insist on making a Peruvian animal out of me, when you know full well that I am a Lama, not a Llama, you ignorant dolt! This was not meant as an April Fools Day joke to make me feel good, but by an 'All Year Long' fool - you!

"May the man & woman eating Space Aliens get to you at your Moseley Manor in Guttenberg and devour you with a bit of mustard and whipped cream....Lord Buddha will punish you with his Rolang Method, by making you speechless for at least a month, and after that he will transplant you into the sixth dimension, where you will be shrunk to the size of a microbe, and only another microbe will hear you scream! This will serve notice that I no longer use the sub-title of Lama, but have graduated to call myself Maitreya-Dkof at last! So this satanic digging of yours, calling me a Llama, will be no more; and should you meet up with a real Llama in a zoo, I hope he spits in your eye!....

"Passover has Passed Over, but the memory lingers on, when I look at a can of Coca Cola marked 'Kosher for Passover'. What on Earth or in Hell makes Coca Cola kosher?? Shakespeare had the answer, 'What Fools these mortals be' - and I agree!

"Jim, your 'Saucer Stool'....has left me wondering how long you will continue taking abuse and insults from such twerps as Bill Lutters and Dr. Bill McIntyre, who is a weirdo if I ever heard of one! And he is your 'friend'??...."

Yes, and so are you, dear Maitreya-Dkof! - Editor.

Virgins 'inundated' by aliens, witness says

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
for the
17th ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE
DORAL INN
Lexington Ave. & 49th Street
New York, N.Y.
June 21st, 1980

Please note: This schedule has been made as accurate as possible. However, last-minute changes may occur regarding times and speakers.

Admission is \$10 for one session or \$15 for both. Due to our tremendous overhead, only members of the working press will be admitted free.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

AFTERNOON:

- 2 P.M. - RICK HILBERG and ROBERT EASLEY present an illustrated (with slides) history of UFOs from Biblical times up to the present.
- 3 P.M. - A unique debate, never before presented at a UFO convention, between pro-saucer nuclear physicist STANTON FRIEDMAN, and skeptic BOB SHEAFFER.
- 3-45 P.M. - Intermission
- 4 P.M. - BETTY HILL, surviving UFO-abductee from the classic case made famous in John Fuller's book "Interrupted Journey". Her lecture will deal mainly with further sightings and contacts she has had in recent years.
- 5 P.M. - A panel of experts will answer audience questions on all aspects of flying saucers.

EVENING:

- 8 P.M. - ART FORD, well-known New York radio and TV personality, will present a unique solution to a large part of the UFO enigma.
- 8-40 P.M. - JOHN KEEL, legendary author of several UFO books, makes a rare public appearance to explain his fascinating philosophical insights into the saucer mystery.
- 9-15 P.M. - Intermission
- 9-30 P.M. - STANTON FRIEDMAN - A nuclear physicist who has lectured for hundreds of college audiences will present film, slides, and up-to-the-minute data which show how close we are to a world-wide breakthrough on the UFO subject.

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Note: At 10 A.M. (Saturday morning) there will be a closed session, open only to delegates and the working press.