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## MEMORIES OF THE 1980 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE:

Well, it came off on June 20th and 21st as scheduled - the 17th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), at the Doral Inn in Manhattan, Big Apple. The oldest and most prestigious of the nation-wide "Middle Ufology" groups again showed the doubters that we are in the Field to stay! All things considered, it was an unexpectedly successful & meaningful event. To re-cap briefly:

First came the Press Conference, on the morning of Friday June 20th, attended by most of our out-of-town speakers. Due to intense effort by our publicity team of Harold Salkin and Mike Luckman, at least thirty genuine members of the Media were present (and many others came Saturday), leading to publicity from, among others: Channels 4, 7, and 11 in New York; WOR, WMCA, WBAI, WNEW-FM and WPIX-FM radio in New York; The New York Post; The New York News; United Press International, etc.

Press interest centered largely on Bob Sheaffer's anti-UFO views, which he expressed there, and on a group of life-sized alien heads and statues brought by a genial artist named George Rackus, to whom we are very grateful. There was also interest in our group's challenge to President Carter and the other presidential candidates, re release of UFO information to the public. This challenge was contained in two of our several press releases.

On Friday evening there was a dinner at the World Trade Center (the world's tallest or second tallest buildings) for most of the Convention speakers and several others of the "hard core".

The next morning at 10 a.m., a "closed session" began, consisting first of a relatively short business meeting, during which business of primary interest only to delegates was discussed. It was decided there that next summer's annual meeting, on a date yet to be determined, will be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, by Ronald Spanbauer, of the International UFO-Photo Exchange. It was also decided that one resignation from the Conference's governing board (called "The Permanent Organizing Committee") would be handled as follows: Charles Wilhelm, director of OUFUOL of Cincinnati, Ohio, who resigned under an ominous Cloud of incompetence (see details further along in this issue), would be replaced by Tom Benson of New Jersey, the man who brilliantly set up and supervised the "closed session" of the 1980 convention.

As in previous years, the "closed session" consisted mainly of speakers who had something very worthwhile to say, but who, nevertheless, were thought by the Permanent Organizing Committee to have views or subjects not of wide enough interest for the general public.

These formal speakers at the "closed session", who spoke without pay and to whom we are exceedingly grateful, include: Art Goodstone; Gary Levine; Marcel Guesnon (replacing Ward Campbell, who couldn't make it); Bob Jones of "Vestigia"; Leon Davidson; and Bob Warth of SITU. Dr. Davidson went so far as to prepare his own press release regarding his presentation, and this we have read and enjoyed.

The "closed session" was marred only by Eugene Steinberg, a member of the "Permanent Organizing Committee", who arrived an hour late for the

business meeting, and then made a scene in the Convention foyer while insisting that his resignation be read to those listening to the above-mentioned speeches. Unfortunately, only a handful of the hundred or so people then present would have cared at all about Gene's unexpected resignation; so we insisted that the official announcement not be made till now, and it is thus hereby being made. Gene's post on the "Permanent Organizing Committee" will be filled at next year's meeting.

Our main speakers appeared later in the day, at the two public sessions, which were scheduled for 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. For these we charged the public \$10 per session, or \$15 for both. Although the 500-seat ballroom was almost full for both, we sustained a Modest financial loss, due to the great amount of overhead.

Speakers at the above-mentioned "open sessions" included Rick Hilberg from Cleveland, Ohio; Stanton Friedman from San Francisco, California; Bob Sheaffer (the cheery Negativist) from the Washington, D.C. area; Betty Hill from New Hampshire; John Keel from an unknown location presumably within Manhattan; and Charles Berlitz from southern Florida. Except for some unnecessary technical problems created by the hotel, things went quite smoothly throughout the public sessions, and all the speakers were well received.

Stanton Friedman, our \* , appeared in the afternoon in a carefully-timed and monitored debate with Bob Sheaffer - the first time such a pro & con debate has ever been held at a major UFO convention. Stan appeared again in the evening, to do a regular lecture. Preceding his lecture, Stan was presented with the National UFO Conference's annual award (a plaque, actually), in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Ufology throughout the years. Previous awards have gone to John Keel, Gray Barker, Rick Hilberg, Bob Easley, and several others including yours truly.

We want to express our sincere thanks to some of the many people who helped make our successful convention possible: Harold Salkin and Mike Luckman for their tireless efforts for publicity; Candy Jones of WMCA radio for her kind cooperation; George Rackus for his alien heads and general helpfulness; Shirley Stuart for her art work & philosophical insights; Tom Benson for his work co-ordinating and running the "closed session"; Timothy Greed Beckley of Global Communications for numerous helpful tips & miscellaneous aid; Mike Mann for running the slide projector; Anna Montgomery for tirelessly handling the cash-at-the-door for almost twelve hours; Rick Hilberg and Al Greenfield for help at the press conference and business meeting; Rachael Montgomery, Pam Tigrett, Rick Aguilar, and Betty Becker for handling the phones, etc.

Brickbats go to Bob Carson, a publicist who started working for the convention in April, and then just faded out on us without even a goodbye! Also to radio station WBAB of West Babylon, Long Island - a representative of which became angry at us because we would not send our top speakers on a 6-or-more hour trek out there & back, just when they were needed in New York City to go on larger shows.

So, next year it's ON TO OSHKOSH! Fans wishing to contact Ron Spanbauer for more information, can reach him at: P.O. Box 172, De Pere, Wi. 54115.

### THE WILHELM CONSPIRACY

We mentioned that we would have more to say about Charles Wilhelm, director of Cincinnati, Ohio's OUF00L organization, and former member of the National UFO Conference.

When Mr. Wilhelm resigned from our organization earlier this year, we could only imagine that it had something to do with the conspicuously incompetent way that OUF00L, under Wilhelm's insipid leadership, ran the 1979 National UFO Conference. The attendance was dismal, due to an almost total lack of publicity, and the speeches were almost uniformly mediocre.

However, we eventually learned that Wilhelm was resigning in anger,

not in shame. His anger was heightened by misstatements that inadvertently crept into one of our early press releases for the 1980 Conference, and he thereupon wrote us an absurdly arrogant registered letter demanding that we retract the news release in question. When we refused to do this, he started going to frenzied lengths to sabotage our convention - such as writing Stan Friedman in an attempt to get him to back out as a speaker - and writing to the Post Office Dept. asking them to get out an injunction to prevent our convention from taking place! (How ridiculous can he get? If every convention that includes misstatements of some kind were banned, what chance would the Republicans and Democrats have to hold theirs??)

In conjunction with such people as "Dr." McIntyre of Maryland and Dennis Pilichis of Ohio, Wilhelm has organized an anti-NUFOC "Middle Ufology" group called the "Coalition of Concerned Ufologists". (Remember all those anonymous letters awhile back, from "Concerned", "Damn Concerned", etc? Every time we hear the word, we can't help but remember that weird epidemic of hoax letters, some of which were extremely vicious and too lurid to be printed even in our liberal zine.)

No name is given on the "Coalition" literature we have obtained, but the address at the bottom of the page is "Dr." McIntyre's. A preliminary meeting is to be held at Kent State University, Ohio, on the weekend of August 23rd. We have no further details, and would probably suppress them if we did!

It is beyond us as to how Wilhelm hopes to unite "Middle Ufology" while using the vicious tactics he has demonstrated so far. Less vicious - in fact, flattering - is an imitation of our zine apparently published by "Dr." McIntyre. The only issue we have seen is called "Saucer Feces", and includes some decent cartoon work and some semi-amusing passages. True fans of our zine should swamp the good "Doctor" with requests for this parody. His address is: Box 218, Kensington, Md. 20795.

So, it seems that in our Ufological wanderings we have picked up some enemies along the way. Sad, but hardly tragic. The National UFO Conference will go right on, and will probably still be around long after Charles Wilhelm has faded from the scene. And of course, the Saucer Entities are no doubt still laughing at all of us, from their 3½-D hideout, somewhere out there....

#### NEWS BRIEFIES

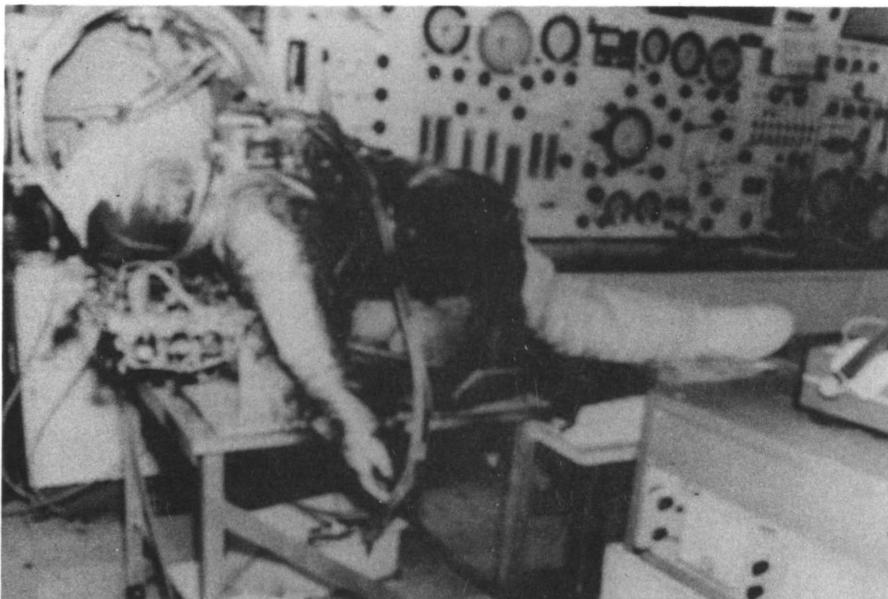
We grieve over the untimely death of non-subscriber Steve Levendakes of Parkersburg, West Virginia - a close friend for over 30 years.....Former non-subscriber Bill Spaulding of GSW wants us to make it clear that he never claimed to have five hundred scientists or technicians in his organization - merely 500 members. Okay, Bill; We stand corrected. Now will you speak to us again??.....A friend in Miami sends us another clipping about the Mexican farmer who can grow vegetables so huge as to be unbelievable. But the trouble is, he doesn't grow them all the time - and he does not want to give away the formula, which he claims to have obtained from Space People.....

On May 29th, your humble editor was on the Candy Jones radio show with ex-Captain Jim Oberg of NASA and a strange contactee named Allen Michael. We were on the program again just before the Convention, with Betty Hill and Stan Friedman - and this turned out to be a memorable show. Ole Stan can really peddle a saucer better than anyone else we know. If we didn't already have his plaque hidden away & ready to "surprise" him with at the Convention, we would have hacked one out for him at the last minute anyhow. He's a real trooper.....And we've run out of Space!

SOCIAL PAGE



And now, here's one of our exceedingly rare PHOTO SECTIONS:



ABOVE, LEFT: Non-subscriber Tom Benson with a genuine piece of "space hardware" he found on a farm near Grovers Mill, N. J. ABOVE, RIGHT: Exclusive photo of the notorious Phil Klass and his new bride. DIRECTLY LEFT: An even more exclusive photo of Phil Klass immediately after the honeymoon. (No, not really. This picture was sent to us anonymously from Washington, where Phil Klass lives, and seems to show an Alien in some sort of mental or physical distress, inside some sort of space ship, maybe.)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

THORNTON PAGE, one of the (sadly) few "real" Doctors on our non-subscriber list, writes:

"Re Page 6 of 'Saucer Sneer', we doctors misspell and write illegibly for effect. After all, could Albert Einstein spell or write legibly? Of course, Bob Easley can. Just tell him to misspell and win an honorary DSc. in Ufology that I don't have."

The inevitable PHIL KLASS enlightens us as follows:

"In your May 10th issue, Barry Greenwood challenges me to show that I was a well-known technical journalist outside the 'Aerospace Division of the Military/Industrial Complex' prior to my first article on UFOs in the Aug. 22nd, 1966 issue of 'Aviation Week & Space Technology'. Greenwood chose to ignore the fact that the numerous TV appearances cited in my letter published in your April 10th issue did not involve UFOs in any way.

"But let me suggest that he turn to the Dec. 9th, 1957 issue of Time Magazine, page 65, a 2/3-page feature article that begins: 'When a modern bomber strikes into hostile air, it will carry few guns or defensive rockets - perhaps none....In 'Aviation Week', Philip J. Klass tells a small part of the large, top-secret story of electronic countermeasures....'

"Or Greenwood might turn to his local library, 'The Book of Knowledge' annual for 1958, page 106, for my article on digital computers and the revolution they would create in our society. Or the 1958 'Encyclopedia Year Book', published also by The Grolier Society, for my article on radar. The following year, as I recall, carried an article by me on communication satellites. Or 'Electronics Illustrated', July, 1958, a popular newstand magazine.....

"I achieved international fame in 1956 in the aerospace/technical world with a series of articles on the then-secret inertial navigation technique. The enclosure (with this letter), put out by 'Aviation Week', quotes from a few of the more than 1,200 letters received from dozens of foreign countries in response to my series.

"I could go on and on - but the foregoing examples suffice to show that my fame as a technical journalist was established long before I entered the field of Ufology.

"By the way, who is Barry Greenwood, and what is his claim to fame - inside or outside the field of Ufology?...."

We have looked over Phil Klass' above-mentioned enclosure, and - believe us! - whatever else may be said about him, no one should disparage the acclaim he has attained for his non-Ufological reporting. - Editor.

Former NICRAPer GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"The question about Klass' fame asked who outside the aerospace industry had ever heard of him before he became a professional UFO skeptic - not what fame he had managed to garner elsewhere on another subject at some later date. His spy satellite book, he tells us, came out in 1971. That's three years after publication of his very first book, 'UFOs Identified', and nearly five years after he first published, in 'Aviation Week', the articles he later expanded into that book. I don't believe spy satellites have been deemed (rightly or wrongly) of sufficient public interest to warrant a Gallup Poll survey, but Gallup has polled Americans at least twice about UFOs. It seems to me, therefore, that Klass' public fame (or notoriety, if you prefer) stems directly and solely from his 14 years of strident, public, Ufological debunking activities....."

BOB SHEAFFER writes:

"Let me make a clarification to Jon Beckjord's ravings, on Page 5 of 'Saucer Sneer': While it is true that I did indeed see the Sasquatch in his interdimensional photograph, I was badly in error. I saw only one such critter. Then Jon informed me that it was not a single creature, as I envisioned in my myopia, but an entire family of Bigfeet: a Mama Bigfoot, a Papa Bigfoot, and two baby Bigfeet. Now, my eyesight is pretty good for a CSICOPPER, but nowhere near as good as his. Even after he had pointed out this family portrait to me, my closed mind was still unable to see more than a black blob.

"My anti-UFO book, scheduled to be brought out early next year by Prometheus Books (of which Paul Kurtz is editor-in-chief), has run into an unexpected and truly tragic snag. My copy editor, Cynthia Dwyer of Buffalo, New York, went to Iran as a free-lance journalist, planning to stay six weeks. Last week, however (about May 7th), she was arrested by Revolutionary Guards in Teheran, who claim she has confessed to spying for the CIA. It is impossible to say when, or if, she will ever be released. This is an extremely serious matter, and we all must refrain from making sick jokes at her expense."

Non-subscriber BILL LUTTERS writes:

"....Although I disagree with his terminology, I thank Robert Dickhoff for refering to me as a 'twerp' (on Page 7 of 'Saucer Sneer'). I finally feel that I fit in with the rest of your non-subscribers. He must have been upset that I predicted Kennedy's campaign slogan was going to be 'a blonde in every pond'. I do believe I was off base with that remark, because just recently I got to the bottom of the 'Chap.' incident. It is now clear that Teddy (alias 'the swimmer') and Mary-Jo were on their way to midnight mass when the accident happened...."

DAVE REISSIG comes on with some sage advice:

"I'll try to beat out the Dreaded 'X':

"You've been pretty serious lately. You should take something for that. After all, how would you like it if I never smiled? Why, you wouldn't like it at all, you know you wouldn't. You'd probably shit blue, and then make mysterious sounds vaguely resembling the mating call of a fat alligator. So let's cheer up, right away. Try to do better. The higher scatology needs you!"

LARRY BRYANT writes:

"Just a note to congratulate you on your fine effort at organizing and conducting the 1980 National UFO Convention. The nostalgia of it all - not to mention the chance to develop new fellowship via your 'loose group's' variety of outlook and presentation - left me eager to check out next year's offering, even though you plan to hold it at some cornfield site. May I suggest that for next year you schedule about 30 minutes for a spoof-and-fun session, a la 'Saucer Bull', 'Saucer Whim', 'Saucer Scam', etc?...."

BOB WARTH of SITU (The Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained) writes:

"Considering the problems you had to overcome or endure with the facilities at the Doral Inn, I felt that your 17th National UFO Conference was a real success.

"Personally, I want to thank you very much for the invitation to address the 'closed session' of the meeting. Happily, I had more of a

problem - not in finding something to say - but rather in determining what not to say in less than half an hour.

"It was a great opportunity to meet with some old friends and to make new acquaintances. Please let me know in advance for your next annual meeting, so that I can put a note in 'Pursuit' in plenty of time so members in that area can attend.

"Just a suggestion: Put a billboard in the lobby so people can be quickly directed to the meeting. I spent 20 minutes floundering around for directions.

"Many thanks again. I had a great time."

(SITU, founded by the late Ivan Sanderson, can be reached at: P.O. Box 265, Little Silver, N.J. 07739. - Editor)

Non-subscriber STEVE BARNETT, who once tried to organize "Middle Ufology" into something called a UNION (but has long since given up), writes:

"....I'm still enjoying your strange magazine, with its purges of prominent UFO personalities. I'm just glad I'm not big enough for you to pick on, however. Just to keep the facts straight, I am not a Ph.D or even a M.D. (Minor Diety)...."

TOM BURCH writes:

"My sincerest appreciation for my recent elevation to the status of official non-subscriber and for providing me with the several back issues of your newsletter. Digesting the contents of 'Saucer Drool', 'Stool', and 'Sneer' was a baptism of fire, to say the least. Let me go on record as saying that, in my opinion, your unofficial publication is negative, crass, vindictive, and totally unredeeming by any socially acceptable criteria. In short, your quixotic publication is exactly what is needed to deflate the egos of the many sanctimonious, paranoid 'feudal lords' who populate much of what is contemporary Ufology. Keep up the good work!

"I am a subscribing/sustaining member of CUFOS, NICAP, and MARCEN, and I live/work in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. I would be quite interested in hearing from any other members of these groups, to share insights and information about these groups. Telephone conversations are more relaxed than written correspondence, so feel free to call. My address is 19708 Westerly Ave., Poolesville, Md. 20837. My phone number is in the phone book...."

DONALD HIPKISS, JR., of the Institute of Paranormal Science (P.O. Box 4326, Fremont, Ca. 94538) writes:

"....'Drool' and 'Stool' were the most lucid, rational, and scientific UFO treatises I have ever read, at least as far as the sociological phenomenon called 'Ufologists' goes. You're right: No one pays attention to this side of the phenomenon, i.e., the humans who are reputed to investigate UFOs!

"Now, I admit to a slight prejudice in favor of the existence of UFOs. They are undoubtedly a real phenomenon, whatever they are. But I do not....believe in the existence of Ufologists! Their existence, obviously, is a hoax perpetrated by the Ufonauts in conjunction with the CIA and Bill Spaulding...."

"Does anyone have uncontestable proof of intelligent life on Earth?"



# FULL MOON:

## A Report From The Islands

*A Journal of UFOs, Parapsychology, Folklore and Fortean Inquiry Within The Pacific Islands Region*

June 12, 1980

*Aloha Wierdman Moseley!*

*I live! For those who thought I went off and died rest assured that my carcass is functioning normally.*

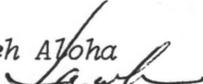
*I am surrounded by sunshine, mai tais, hula girls, corruption and all kind of goodies that attend acculturated societies. Just would like to mention that the brown and bronze-skinned women here are exotic as hell. Carousing about Waikiki is sure as hell a lot better than bending the eye in some dark dank library cubicle looking for fortean nonsense.*

*But can any obsessed fortean escape his illness. I have enclosed the first issue of my Journal, Full Moon: A Report From The Islands as proof that I have been unable to rid myself of these fortean urges. In some of us these instincts are primal.*

*Please note my address change (obviously) and that I have changed my name back to my Hawaiian name. I ask my mainland correspondants to please refer to me as Jacob Davidson as that name was good to me.*

*Actually, I have returned to Hawaii after being away in Seattle for 12 years. I am interested in doing some documentaries on the psychic life of the ancient and modern Polynesians and will probably be here for about 3 to 4 years. During that time (and hopefully after) I will issue my Journal, the only one of its kind emanating from Polynesia. I would like to ask the UFO and Fortean community to please support this effort as it is the only link at this time to any research coming out of this place. Single issue 1.25 and subs are 7 bucks per year.*

*I continue to enjoy your ramblings. Your rag serves as a receptacle for all of the bullshit that goes on in this field. I love it! It's so nice to receive an issue, open a class of wine or champagne, and laugh my butt off. Keep it up (if you can).*

*Much Aloha*  
  
 Jacob A. Davidson  
 (aka Kalani Hanohano)