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A CONCLAVE OF HIGHLY-EVOLVED UFOLOGISTS was held at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., on September 6th. The affair was in the form of a debate between J. Allen Hynek, Allan Hendry, and Bruce Maccabee (spelling??) on the one hand, versus Philip J. Klass, James Oberg, and Robert Sheaffer. In spite of the \$30 price-tag per ticket, the auditorium was nearly filled with reasonably enthusiastic UFO fans, some of whom had come from quite a distance for the event.

Unfortunately, most of the participants seemed more concerned about squeezing their presentations into the strictly-enforced time limits, than about getting their ideas across to the audience. Hynek was by far the most scholarly (and the most rushed), whereas we must admit that ole Philip J. Klass came across best in regard to style.

Ole Phil made two points that bear paraphrasing: (1) In today's political and intellectual climate, how can retired military officers really fear punishment if they come forth with stories of crashed discs? (The only answer we can think of is that their paranoia overcomes their common sense.) (2) Why don't we Ufologists take five or so of our very best UFO cases to the National Academy of Science, and let them decide on their value? If the Academy accepts one or more cases as valid, let the Government provide big money for further investigation of the UFO phenomenon. If not, we Ufologists should thereupon shut down and shut up. (But whichever way the Academy's verdict went, there would undoubtedly be endless recriminations, and nothing would really be settled!)

Generally, little that was new to a seasoned UFO fan came out of the Great Debate, but then, what could one expect? Millions of words have already been spoken and written on the subject without solving it as yet!

In the Smithsonian audience we came across a number of our loyal non-subscribers, including Harry Lebelson, Bill Moore, Stanton Friedman, Peter Gersten, Jerome Clark, Larry Bryant, Lee Spiegel, Elizabeth Phillip of "Second Look" Magazine, and others. Richard Hall was there, and snubbed us, as usual. Conspicuously absent was "Dr." Bill McIntyre of MARCEN, who lives in nearby Maryland.

After the public meeting, there was a highly-evolved private cocktail party at a Washington club for the speakers and other guests of the Smithsonian. Since your humble "Saucer Steer" editor knows all six speakers personally, he tried to wrangle an invitation, but was nixed by Frederick C. Durant III (no less) - a former CIA operative who acted as moderator of the debate. No doubt there were Great Truths revealed at this party that we outsiders can only guess at!

But seriously folks - the debate was a worthwhile effort, and one which may be repeated in somewhat different format in the months to come.

P.S: Stan Friedman will hate us if we don't mention that he was in town to give an unrelated UFO lecture that same night, at American University in Washington. With him was Captain Bill Startup from Australia/New Zealand, who was involved in the famous UFO film from that area a couple of years back. Startup is the author of a book about his experience, called "The Kaikoura UFO", not available in this country.

We should also add that Stan Friedman was the only member of the Smithsonian audience brazen enough to shout out remarks from his seat, rather than to write down his questions or comments as the others did. Way to go, Stan!

"TOMATO MAN" FROM ANOTHER WORLD???

Here, from the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer of August 27th, is a picture of what quite plainly is a creature from another world. It has been dubbed "tomato man" by cynics, because of its over-sized head - shaped quite differently from any previous description of an alien. According to a news release that goes with the picture, a UFO crashed in Mexico, near Laredo, Texas, on July 7th, 1948. The United States military was invited to the crash site, and a Navy photographer was flown down from White Sands, New Mexico, to document the scene and take pictures. As you can plainly see, this photo shows the body in the debris of the crash after the interplanetary craft burned. We have requested an even clearer glossy print of this picture from "Dr." McIntyre, who, unfortunately, is associated with this story; but he has not chosen to send us one, as yet.



Associated Press

NEWS BRIEFIES:

On the evening of September 19th, your humble "Saucer Steer" editor was on the Candy Jones radio show in New York, together with two science fiction editors, discussing what the future has in store for this planet. The show was part of WMCA's celebration of ten years as an "all talk" station....On October 8th we will be on WMCA again, with non-subscriber Charles Berlitz and others, discussing the new UFO book he has written with Bill Moore, entitled "The Roswell Incident".....The very next day after that, we fly (by plane) to Pittsburgh to attend Timothy Greed Beckley's "UFO and Space Expo", to be held all day Saturday Oct. 11th, at the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh (4th and Wood St., in that metropolis.) We hope to see some of you-all there.....

Two more letters have come in, in reply to the missives we sent this

summer to the three main presidential candidates, asking them to include a pro-UFO plank in their platforms. One is signed by the "Director of Correspondence" for the Carter/Mondale Re-Election Committee, and the other bears a fake signature of Ronald Reagan. Both are so utterly mundane and meaningless as not to warrant reproduction here, with or without an accompanying pornographic drawing.....A Miami man charged with robbery, assault, and rape, has entered a plea of "not guilty by reason of astrology". His lawyer contends that his client was inevitably driven to a life of crime because of the position of the stars at the time of his birth!....

Former UFO researcher Todd Zechel is now said to be working in a pool hall in the Los Angeles area....Laura Mundo reports that pioneer Ufologist John Otto of Chicago and Los Angeles died late last year. She states that he was "quite mysterious in his manner", whatever that means.....Leonard Stringfield has just become a non-subscriber, though we have known him for over 25 years. He strongly denies rumors started by OUF00L that he has become a contactee.

FLASH! JUST AS WE WERE GOING TO PRESS, a friendly gentleman from the Newark, N.J. district of the Post Office paid us a visit, in regard to the little drawing at the bottom of Page 7 of "Saucer Beer"! It seems that one of our Ufological Enemies (gues who??) has actually written to the White House, complaining about our poor taste, or whatever, in putting an allegedly pornographic drawing on the same page as the White House's response to our letter. The postal inspector just wanted to know if we had intended anything malicious by the juxtaposition. We said no. (Gasp, shudder!!)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

DON STRACHAN (note caps!) writes:

"Hey! 'Saucer Queer' was the best ever! Was it just my letter that made it so, or the combination of Klass (if he's offering only \$25 per article, he must be worried - his fellow True Nonbeliever Randi says he'll cough up \$10,000 for proof of psychic ability), 'Mebon' (I'm gonna rip it off for my zine 'Light Times'),and _____Beckjord (my page 4 was blank, so I missed the beginning of his letter. You got any spares?)....."

TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

"Could you tell me what type of chemical solution I am supposed to use, to get the hidden writing (on your Page 2) in readable form? I used ultraviolet and infrared light sources, along with a thermoluminescent and electron scan, but failed to find anything abnormal about the pulp structure in which it might have been encoded. After carefully scrutinizing the situation and exhausting all possible scientific means, I realized that this blank page was either a mistake, or that you intended to use this as some sort of psychological test on those concerned.

"Please send page number two, and let me know what response you get from others, or was I the only victim of circumstances?....."

HERMAN—By Jim Unger



"Don't forget to put his watch ahead two hours. We forgot that last time."

**Justice Dept.
bars avowed
alien gays**

Los Angeles Times Service

Editor's Note: The Forces of Blankness seem to center around our printer, who shall hear about this!

Young JIM HARRIS writes:

"Thanks for 'Saucer Queer'. I'm glad to hear that Herr Wilhelm's meeting was a flop - similar to the 1979 National UFO Conference in Cincinnati, eh?...."

BOB ("Raving Robert") SCHILLER writes:

"....Your recent violent attack on McIntyre the Magnificent has shocked the world. Yes, we can only conclude that you are one of the Silence Group (gasp!) I dare say those noble paragons of Ufology at the Kent State Con. will most assuredly strike out and smash your dastardly schemes to persecute all of us paranoids.

"Hey, this is really getting good. This anti-Moseley Con. is really out to work up the McIntyre-Wilhelm gang into a frenzy - and the Ohio asylums need the business!...."

DENIS COREY writes:

"....I'm looking forward to reading about the Kent meeting in "Saucer Queer". You'd better be careful about dedicating that issue to anyone!

"Actually, I think that it would be kinda neat if you were a member of the Silence Group, CIA, etc. I, for one, certainly wouldn't hold it against you either way. If you are a 'member', I'd be slightly upset over the fact that you would probably be withholding some fairly interesting information, though...."

The inevitable TOM BENSON writes:

"Woe is us! The SBI (Saucer Information Bureau) is getting out of hand! SBI's assertions in its propaganda machine zine, issue of May, 1980, Vol. 2, No. 3, Grapevine Column, claims that CUFOS misuses its '800' UFO Central 'Hotline', which is a 24-hour toll-free telephone number for police agencies to call in their UFO reports. That's Incredible! Because CUFOS is a non-profit institution, it must limit the Hotline's use, so that the line will not become clogged up with SBI-type verbiage. SBI's gross misrepresentation of the facts is perhaps by design. Possibly the SBI is heavily influenced secretly by the KGB??? With Libya and Billy Carter bed partners, who knows who SBI is in bed with?!"

"SBI claims that many new subscribers across the U.S.A. are in reality 'Double Agents'. Thus we must assume that anyone who is not a PBA (Poorest Brain Adviser) member is a 'Suspect'!"

"Finally, another recent phony claim by SBI in its above-mentioned zine was that I have never spoken with anyone from SBI. This is absolutely untrue!! Previously, I have had two telephone conversations at my expense with Jim Fallow (188 Dunhams Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816, 201-254-1224), the alleged co-international director of SBI, concerning an 'unknown' fiery white object that crashed into Barnegat Bay off Cedar Creek in Lanoka Harbor, N.J., in April, 1979....In our telephone conversation, Fallow stated that he visited the site and witnessed a U.S. Coast Guard ship dragging the Bay, looking for the object, after the 'bouys' marking its location were stolen! Because of the above-mentioned facts, and because I stand up for Justice, Truth, and the Scientific Development of the UFO Field, I firmly declare on SBI:

WAR!

BILL RETOFF writes:

"Thank you, as always,for the glorious issue of 'Saucer Queer'. I especially enjoyed the Kent State thing, Phil Klass' excerpts, that very weird 'hop secret' letter on the back, plus the headlines. (I used to work at a newspaper as a writer, and always tried to compose screwed-up heads for my Pulitzer-caliber stories.)

"Is it really true that the Coalition of Concerned Ufologists is changing its name (to reflect the underwhelming turnout at Kent State) to the Coalition of Un-Concerned Ufologists? I was told this by a UFO silencer.

"Speaking in terms of questions, does J. A. Hynek ever answer his mail? I wrote him maybe six months ago, asking for airship info of a certain type, for an astounding story I was doing. I even offered to pay for it....

"Well, that's about it for now. My new abode is near some hi-power towers, and I have to go out and check the wires for signs of UFO activity. Till next time, hang in there...."

MICHAEL R. DENNETT, a brand new non-subscriber, writes:

"I would like to thank you for sending me 'Saucer Fear', 'Saucer Beer' and 'Saucer Queer'. All three were most interesting and I look forward to your next issue. In view of the explicit nature of your art work on Page 7 of 'Saucer Beer', perhaps I should request that you mail to my home address instead of my office address.

"On Sept. 5th, the Fund for UFO Research held a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. As I live just a few miles outside the city, I took the time to attend this news conference. Unfortunately, the news media was represented by less than ten (10) people. Speaking for the Fund was Dr. Hynek, Dr. Maccabee, Stanton Friedman, Capt. Startup of New Zealand, and Peter Gersten (Attorney for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy).

"In my opinion nothing newsworthy was said. Capt. Startup did mention that the New Zealand UFO film did not look like what he had seen. Bob Sheaffer, who happened to have just popped in, asked Capt. Startup for a clarification. With the aid of Dr. Maccabee, Capt. Startup seemed to say that he did not mean that the New Zealand film did not look like what he had seen. I was left, however, with a most confused impression."

The art work referred to in Mr. Dennett's first paragraph above is the very same item that got us into Hot Water with the Feds! (See Page 3 of this issue, 2nd complete paragraph thereon.) - Editor.

DAVE REISSIG makes three unique and apparently unconnected observations:

"1. I heard Dr. Hynek speak here (Syracuse, N.Y.) last April, and I learned one important fact: UFOs are bigger inside than they are on the outside. That was worth the price of admission (\$2).

"2. I've read a couple of places lately that anyone who is hypnotized can produce a typical contactee story, with just a little prodding. It's a function of the mind.

"3. I would make an excellent UFO witness, because my eyesight is so sharp that sometimes when I look at the Moon, I can see the people going about their business in the streets of the cities and in the countryside.."

#1 and #3 are strange, if true. #2 is true, in our humble opinion.- Editor.

Cleanshaven JON BECKJORD of Project Bigfoot writes:

"Suffering Katfish! Mad editor Moseley accuses me (in 'Saucer Queer')

of bringing a beard to Lewiston, N.Y. in search of Bigfoot, just to fool CSICOP Chairman Paul Kurtz ('eagle-eye Kurtz') into thinking I was bearded, and then shaving it off in N.Y.C. before meeting Moseley and Keel! Actually, what really happened was far more momentous: (1) Kurtz formed up an actual de facto CSICOP sub-committee on Bigfoot - a thing he had been resisting up until a Bigfoot case dropped into his back yard; and (2) Kurtz has now experienced something paranormal! He has 'seen' an invisible, probably interdimensional, beard!

"Egads - if I can get Randi to 'see' this beard, invisible as it is, maybe I can collect his famous \$10,000 reward and do more Bigfoot chasing!"

DAVE SCHROTH, one of our more Skeptical non-subscribers, writes:

"Thanks for the recent newsletters.

"I hope you enjoyed the big saucer debate in Washington on Sept.6th. I trust that the team of Klass, Oberg, and Sheaffer gave the opposition a thorough trouncing?....

"Seeing as how flying saucer abduction stories have now become the vogue, I offer the following observation: Allan Hendry has reported on a saucer abduction case that involved a woman in Kansas. One effect of that experience is that the woman 'thinks more now' than she did before the aliens abducted her. (Hendry, 'The UFO Handbook', page 170.)

"I of course cannot vouch for this story. But I suggest that if such experiences really do impel people to think more often or more critically, then it goes without saying that the saucer aliens ought to begin kidnaping the True Believers in UFOs, astrology, and other assorted inanities."

Our thanks to Dave Schroth for the astrology item near the top of Page 3 of this issue. - Editor.

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The cartoon below is thanks to non-subscriber Gene Duplantier, and the weird headlines come to us via Gene Buck.



Sharks Stop Search for Span Collapse Victims