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BIG ANNUAL EVENT COMING UP!

Plans are "firming up", as we say, for the glorious 18th National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held this year on Saturday June 27th at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge of De Pere, Wisconsin. Speakers will include non-subscribers Bill Moore, Colonel Wendelle Stevens, Rick Hilberg, and your extremely humble "Saucer Gear" editor.

There will be two public sessions, on the afternoon and evening of June 27th. The cost will be \$6 per session at the door, or \$5 per session in advance, if you send in your money before June 26th to the local chairman: Ronald Spanbauer, P.O. Box 172, De Pere, Wisc. 54115. An additional free session is planned for that morning (Sat., June 27th), for delegates and other interested parties. This will include the annual business meeting of the NUFOC plus an open discussion of current Ufological topics.

Room reservations should be made as soon as possible by writing to Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Route 5, De Pere, Wisc. 54115. Or you may phone 414-336-0611.

Ron Spanbauer will be happy to provide additional info if you write him at the above-mentioned address or call him at 414-433-9406.

TID-BITS OF TRASH:

On March 5th, your editor gave a lecture at the monthly meeting of the Northern Ohio UFO Group, headed by Bob Easley, Rick Hilberg & others. In spite of very bad weather in Cleveland, there was an overflow crowd for the event! Our topic was the rash of crashed disc stories that have surfaced in the past few years. We gave, for the very first time, the true details about "The Wright Field Story" which we investigated back in 1954. This is the story fictionalized by Gray Barker in the book by the same name. In essence, this case concerns a civilian employee of the U.S. Army who claims to have seen photographs of a crashed disc which was taken through the Columbus (Ohio) Army Supply Depot on its way to Wright-Patterson Field, in 1952.....

The Fund for UFO Research, Inc., through its chairman Dr. Bruce Macabee, announces that it will provide an annual \$1,000 Ufological award in the name of Prof. Alvin H. Lawson of California State University. Dr. Lawson has been investigating UFOs since 1974, and has published several very interesting & important articles on the subject. The first award will be made about April 1st, 1982, for the best published (in recognized journals) Ufological article of 1981. For details write to Prof. Lawson % English Dept., California State University, Long Beach, Ca. 90840.....

The 1982 National UFO Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. Details will be supplied later.....

The vacancy on the "Permanent Organizing Committee" (governing board) of the National UFO Conference, caused by the resignation of Eugene Steinberg last year, has been filled by Timothy Green Beckley of Global Communications in New York City. Welcome A-Bored, Tim!.....

Several good "letters to the editor" could not be published in this issue, due to lack of Space. They will appear in our next zine, which is as yet untitled.....Non-subscriber Gilbert Ziemba is back in high gear, with an organization called The Carbondale (Illinois) UFO Study Group. For details, write him at RR 2, Box 335, Crab Orchard Estates (weird!), Carbondale, Il. 62901.....We learn that non-subscriber Jack Rockel of Springfield, Ohio has died very recently.....We attended a great party in N.Y.C. recently, hosted by Phyllis Giarnese and contactee Mark Brinkerhoff. Among the notables present were John Keel, Bryce Bond, Harold Salkin, Herb Bailey, and Tim Beckley.....We have purchased Richard Ogden's highly-touted \$15 expose of your "Saucer Gear" editor, and believe us - it's not worth the money! No need to say more.

Robot Commits Suicide

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (UPI)
— An experimental robot ran amok at a University of Florida laboratory, destroying itself before a graduate stu-

Moseley's Two Misses Are Costly

By Paul Attner
Washington Post Staff Writer
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people from outer space
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Federal jury to review fatal chase of aliens

Wright says aliens setting 'time bomb'

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

LEN STRINGFIELD writes:

"Thanks for lending me your copy of 'Alien Body Photos: An Updated Report' by the Coalition of Concerned Ufologists. I finally received a copy from one of the coalitionists and am trying to decide whether or not to keep it for posterity.

"We all know that Ufology is a field of research with few disciplines; and no wonder, when one reads a report of this kind, purporting to be 'accurate'. I'd rather not comment on the Coalition's photos or their defensive posture since the Spaulding analysis, but I feel that I should put the record straight regarding some inaccuracies and divisive charges directed at me and the photos in my possession.

"(1) There is no MUFON-Spaulding plot to discredit the Coalition photos. The Spaulding analysis, speculating that the creature is a monkey, was conducted independently and apart from MUFON or myself. No conspiracy, please.

"(2) The comments made by Dave Dobbs over the MUFON Amateur Radio Network (Sept. 13, 1980) were of his own volition, his own interpretation and words of his own choosing. I played no part in the broadcast. To the best of my knowledge, I have never referred to the Coalition's photos as a 'hoax'. However, I did question their claim that the burnt body was that of an alien (based on the Spaulding Report) and further questioned the intent of Messrs. Williard McIntyre, Dennis Pilichis and Charles Wilhelm because of the timing of their initial release via TV in Cincinnati. Wilhelm, well aware of my research specialty (and previously expressing a desire to cooperate), made no attempt to reach me for comment concerning his photo acquisitions from McIntyre.

"(3) The McIntyre Enigma. Why did McIntyre give Wilhelm the photos to release in Cincinnati? For my benefit, as an expression of ego, or for other subversive reasons? And, why didn't McIntyre, the procurer of the photos, release the photos himself? Yes, it is true that I've heard uncomplimentary remarks about Williard McIntyre, not from just one source but several in the East. I don't know McIntyre personally and can make no judgments.

"Now, let's put the shoe on the other foot: I have heard from several sources, local and elsewhere, of baseless rumors about me which allegedly got their start in OUFOL. One such rumor supposedly started, or was nurtured by Wilhelm, claimed that I was 'far out' and that I was a contactee. Ridiculous, except that sick rumors like that carry far afield. I even heard from Jim Oberg in Houston, who called me for comment.

"(4) The Report makes much ado about my talk at the CUP meeting in Cleveland, Sept., 1980. Reading the taped transcript in the Report, one would think that I'm a gibbering idiot. I'm no Winston Churchill, but their version of my English is so garbled and out of context that my true utterances are rendered meaningless.

"I did not go to Cleveland to tout my photos as authentic or to discredit theirs. My original plan called for hypnotic regression of an alleged abduction victim. This was called off and I was urged to come anyway to discuss my photos and to explain an experiment conducted by one of CUP's members. The title of my talk, 'What I Can't Talk About: Fact: Bodies of UFO Occupants are in Liquid Nitrogen, etc.' I wish to emphasize was Earl Neff's idea, not mine. If critics Pilichis and Wilhelm had listened attentively, they would have heard me poke fun at the absurd title.

"(5) More shades of shallow research! The Coalition couldn't resist trying to name the source of my controversial photos as Bob Barry of Yoe, Pa. A bad guess, gentlemen. Barry is well aware of my photos, but he is NOT the source, nor does he know my source.

"(6) Curious is the description of the alien body in the Coalition Report. Except for a few details, the features described are about identical to those I used in my paper, 'The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome'. Oh yes, they referred to the muscle fiber as 'Stratified' (a word I question), whereas I used the word 'Striated'.

"(7) Much ado about the Fass Brothers magazines in the Coalition Report, and much ado about me being taken in by their fallacious stories. NOT SO! The true story of my involvement with photos (not theirs) appears in the Dec. 1980 issue of 'MUFON UFO Journal'. I need not say more, nor make any apologies.

"May all the photos - theirs and mine - rest in peace until some good ones surface. This may never happen soon because the authorities probably won't let it happen. The Coalition should know that. I do."

Editor's Note: To all this we can add that, at the ill-fated 1979 NUFON convention in Cincinnati, the leaders of OUFOL told us personally that Stringfield had become a contactee and in general had gone off the deep end. It was at that same convention that Wilhelm and McIntyre began their present close association.

BILL McINTYRE of MARCEN writes:

"For the past year we have allowed various barbs, digs, and outright insults to us personally and collectively to be printed in your rag unchallenged because frankly we didn't give a shit, but the latest episode raises the hackles sufficiently that we must take umbrage.

"First off, the report is not the successor to the late but not 'the' late MARCEN Journal. 'The Journal of the Forteans of MARCEN' will be mailed during March, as soon as we get all 80 pages together and trucked to the post office.

"If Stringfield is the conservative careful investigator you say he has been considered for thirty years, what the fuck happened to him this time? There were only two reasons that we even felt the need to include the second part of the report. First, Stringfield's photos were all part of the highly publicized Alien Body Photo Syndrome and second, because Stringfield, immediately upon release of our photos to the public, rushed to his phone and began calling nearly everyone in the field he knew, calling our photos a hoax without ever seeing the photos or talking to anyone directly involved. And this was at the same time he was still touting his photos as authentic and starting to formulate his massive government conspiracy fairy tale to explain how we had released our photos to discredit his photos. He then embarked on a scurrilous campaign of outright prevarications and character assassinations, of which we have page after page of documentation. If you think the second part of our report was 'endless over-kill', just wait till you read the update part!

"If Stringfield the 'conservative careful investigator' was indeed interested in objective investigation and was having his photos examined by all of the experts that he related were examining them, when he disclosed his photos to the world on September 20th, - why then did he have to wait until November when he apparently heard our report was coming out, to run out to the University of Cincinnati to have his photos examined in an obvious attempt to cover his ass?

"You accuse us of picking and choosing from Spaulding's report, when you do the same thing you accuse us of doing by highlighting the monkey aspect. For your information, Stringfield's own expert, along with other world renowned experts, have provided documentation that these photos are not of monkeys. They have not resolved the issue of what the photos actually show, as far as I am concerned, but they will finally put to rest the continuing speculation over 'monkeys' that Spaulding's own contradictory report disproves if you carefully read our rebuttal.

"The most important question still remains unanswered in this entire controversy. Stringfield has been showing his photos at least privately to dozens of persons by his own admission since June 1980. Why has he not yet submitted his own photos to Bill Spaulding for analysis?

"I am flattered that you chose to credit me with the entire report but in actuality that is not the case, as the report clearly states in naming the three editors; and I cannot take credit for flattering you with the labels 'antagonist and trouble-maker'. The hint that we did not send a copy of the report to Stringfield is totally without foundation, as he was sent a gratis copy as were you and all other involved parties. Stringfield has had every opportunity to respond directly to us all, but has seemingly not had the guts for any head to head confrontation since facing Wilhelm and Pilichis over a beer on September 20th.

"I am not responsible for any passages in the report that refer to me by any title, so I am without culpability in that area, and the author so writing obviously meant to keep the report directed toward the real issues and avoiding areas that might bring fringe attacks over meaningless elements; and knowing, as you should by now, that I am totally unconcerned by whatever title or name anyone chooses to call me.

"Lastly, the reports can be obtained, as long as limited supplies last, for \$6.00 including postage and shipping from the UFO Information

Network, Box 5012, Rome, Ohio 44085.

"The report on good old R. E. Straith will most likely be combined into a report of the many hoaxes bouncing around the field for 30 years, but don't hold your breath too long, because the government has indicated that a key 42 pages will not be released while you are still alive...."

"Keep up the crap."

A special prize to anyone who can tell us what McIntyre is trying to say in the first sentence of the second paragraph of his letter. - Editor.

JOAN JEFFERS writes:

"I swear I'm going to write an article on the development of paranoia in ufologists. Honestly, I thought Stringfield's east coast contact was a reference to Robert Barry - though there was a hint of a New Jersey collaborator! But I can understand that you'd want to protect your reputation as an antagonist and a trouble maker.

"I'm glad to see that Stan Friedman has taken my suggestion and even expanded on it to include Randi - who never ceases to amaze me with how little he knows about so much.

"And did you know that the Pennsylvania State Game Commission has been concerned about the mysterious disappearance of rabbits from the forests of the Commonwealth? At the same time I've noticed a marked increase in the number of rabbits that seem to live in dome shaped piles of brush (?) in the woods behind my hillside home.

"Is 'Airport '81' really going to have a planeload of passengers abducted by a UFO?...."

BILL MOORE writes an open memorandum to the below-named individuals:

"To the 'dreaded anonymous D.L.':

"Until you are prepared to identify yourself either publicly or privately, I refuse to waste any more of my time responding to taunting tidbits directed at me via Moseley's newsletter under the convenient guise of 'Anonymous'. If you care to make yourself known, then I shall be more than happy to try to answer whatever questions you may have. If not, then please know that I have better things to do with my time than to spend it dealing with someone who, by his persistent use of the pseudonym 'anonymous', seems to be desperately trying to tell me that he's not all there in the first place! Sorry, Bub.

"To George Earley:

"The one thing that bothers me about George Earley's otherwise very excellent article on the logistics of moving a crashed saucer from crash site to military base (Fate, March '81) is that he completely ignores the one and only method by which such a feat could be (and in fact WAS) done. RAILROAD, George - RAILROAD. I looked into this one at length, my friend, because it was the one thing that caught my attention when I first began investigating 'The Roswell Incident'. How to move a circa 30 foot damaged disc from the wilds of New Mexico to Edwards (then Muroc) Air Force Base in California? Turns out that rail was the only feasible way. In fact, (for them that doubts), it was by RAIL that the 200 inch (that's 16 2/3

Moseley hopes a new pair of shoes will solve his kicking problems.

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Moseley Trying Out New Shoes

By a Washington Star Staff Writer

...by his external de-

his kicking motion. None has been found, but Moseley wants to concentrate on bringing his leg straight rather than swing-

feet, plus insulation & crating of several feet additional on each side) mirror for the Palomar telescope was moved across the country barely a year later. The thing was stood up edgewise on a cradled flatcar.

"Of course, to give George proper credit, perhaps he will think of this in the second part of his article which I have yet to see. If not, then at least he deserves credit for some very good thinking that should have been done a long time ago by others who have been large on talk about crashed saucers and lean on research. (Also, just for the record, George wrote his article before the appearance of 'The Roswell Incident'.)

"To Jerry Clark, who is apparently having problems with 'lousy' grammar:

"In reference to your problems in connection with 'this phenomenon' or 'that phenomena', please take gentle note of the ff. from J.C. Hodges' 'Harbrace Handbook of English' (revised):

p.89: "(3) Collective nouns" (i.e."Phenomena") "are referred to by singular or plural pronouns, according as the collective noun is considered singular or plural."

"Therefore: Both 'Concerning UFOs, this phenomena is very perplexing.' AND 'Concerning UFOs, these phenomena are very perplexing.' are equally correct depending on just exactly how one chooses to view one's UFOs. If indeed they are a collective body of phenomena and if one chooses to discuss them as such, then to refer to the whole mess as 'The UFO phenomena' is quite correct.

"My symptoms come from having spent 14 years of my life as an English teacher, Jerry. Sorry, but I owed you this one...."

BOB EASLEY writes:

"Received 'Saucer Spear' yesterday and, believe it or not, I read the damn thing twice! It was a good piece of journalism. In fact, I think it was the best writing you've done in quite some time.

"Your analysis of the dead alien controversy was the best I've read by anyone. It was concise, documented, and - most of all - it made sense. In fact, it was so outstanding that I hereby award you the 'Harry S. Truman Mucker Award' for 1981!

"(For those who don't know history, Truman was pissed off at reporters for distorting facts about him, his family, and the Office of the President in general. On 12 May 1948, in a letter to his sister, he wrote: 'Some day, I hope a mucker will come along and dig up the facts on the distorters of news and facts.')

"The 'HST Mucker Award' is yours for printing the true facts surrounding the dead alien argument. Keep up the good work!

"Tell Jerry Clark that I admit to probably being the worst offender of the 'phenomenon - phenomena' syndrome. Hell, I have enough trouble just spelling it correctly, let alone using it correctly. It's like this: If I were a good writer I would be writing novels and screen plays and making lots of money and becoming famous. However, since I am not a good writer, I write about UFOs and various other pheno, er . . . mysterious subjects."

The mysterious ANONYMOUS "D.L." writes:

"....The epic of the 'Tomato Man' was very interesting, and Bill Spaulding's conclusions regarding early crashed saucer reports should be given as much exposure as possible...."

MICHAEL COHEN writes:

"I disagree with 'D.L.' and his theory that the famous Philadelphia

Experiment could not have taken place in World War II because the advanced technology did not exist at the time. The fact was that the incredible technology used to build the atomic bomb made the technology involved in the Philadelphia Experiment seem like a minor exercise.

"Although it seems fantastic to cross the 'dimensional barrier' with 1943 technology, how much more fantastic was it to 'split the atom' and release the unlimited energy of the stars in 1945? If 'D.L.' would have asked any scientist before World War II whether an atomic bomb could have been constructed which could have been dropped by one airplane and destroyed an entire city in a fraction of a second, I am sure that these scientists would have stated that the possibility was the same as the imminent Second Coming of Christ. Only the science fiction writers, especially H.G. Wells, predicted the coming of atomic energy with any accuracy. Similarly, the development of jets, rockets and radar during the war would have seemed like the most incredible science fiction only a few years before 1939. Again, the technology used in building these devices was probably more advanced than the equipment involved in the Philadelphia Experiment.

"I believe that the experiment with the invisible ship did take place and it was a disaster to the men involved. The Government does not like to admit to such mistakes, and that could be a reason why the official story has never been released.

"As for the brains behind this experiment, I believe that Nikola Tesla devised the apparatus before he died - ten months before the experiment took place in October 1943. Tesla had more experience than anybody else in the world in the field of high energy physics, and his experiments in 1900 producing artificial lightning on a large scale has only been duplicated in recent years. It has been said that he was 100 years ahead of his time, and his inventions dealing with electricity definitely indicated he was thinking into the far future....

"It is possible that Tesla could have built the high energy apparatus used in the Philadelphia Experiment in a few weeks. Such a feat would have been merely a minor problem for him."

DIANE ENION writes:

"....I look forward to receiving each issue of your non-scheduled newsletter, and the price is right, too!

"Paul Johnson has been sending you a copy of our "Pennsylvania Researcher" regularly, and we hope that you enjoy reading it.

"For the many others who also paid, as I did, for UFO publications and never received them as promised, let me say that all of our subscribers do receive their newsletter - and on time.

"After subscribing to the now defunct 'MARCEN Journal', I received a total of three issues, although I paid for 12. It also took me numerous inquiries by mail before I received any at all. Do you know whatever became of the alleged group? Several letters addressed to 'Dr.' McIntyre were unanswered.

"I learned my lesson the hard way, and it will be a helluva long time before I send any money to any of these 'fly by night' UFO groups that seem to spring up every so often.

"Our group has been in existence for 14 years and we have fought long and hard for our respect and reputation. We would never do anything to jeopardize this in any way, for any reason. Without these we might just as well close up shop and fade into oblivion as many others before us."

Dr. Johnson can be reached at: 298 Bailey Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15211 - Editor.

DR. SCOT MORRIS, Senior Editor of OMNI Magazine, writes:

"Oops! Is it the dreaded X time for me again? Garsh. I don't know much about Ufology, so I guess I'll talk about my work. I'm still at OMNI (the magazine of the future, it says here). Our UFO Update column continues an uneven course - in capable hands when Oberg is at the helm, but occasionally an embarrassment when the powers-that-be choose to run a famous 'name' such as Charles Berlitz. Randi is preparing a column on lens flares and how they are often mistaken for alien craft in photographs. Any of your readers who know of famous 'UFO' cases that turned out to be lens flares may send the info to Randi or to me for possible use.

"I am pleased to say that I am preparing an exclusive interview with Martin Gardner for OMNI, and recently took several photos of him perched on top of the toadstool on the Alice statue in Central Park, trying to update the jacket photo on his 'Annotated Alice', which was taken more than 20 years ago. In one of the photos I captured a literally unidentified flying object in the distance, between the trees, just above Martin's head. Skeptics and debunkers will probably say that the object is a commercial airliner enroute to LaGuardia, but such closed-minded people are able to find prosaic 'explanations' for everything. All I know is that what I captured on film is an object, it is flying, and it is unidentified. That's good enough for me.

"By the way, I have just finished judging several thousand entries in OMNI's 'Unconfirmed Rumors Contest'. The full results will probably appear in our June issue, but I thought your readers might like to hear these honorable mentions:

"**Isaac Asimov, Martin Gardner and James Randi are aliens with psi powers and are debunking UFOs and the paranormal to protect their secret. (Hmmm. This would explain the Mother Ship in my Gardner photo.)

"**The movie, 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers' was a documentary.

"**OMNI's Unconfirmed Rumors Contest is a thinly disguised attempt by the government to find out just who knows what is really going on.

"Keep up your good sense of humor, and scratch that dreaded X!"

TIM BECKLEY, another of our scientific friends, writes:

"....Oberg has done it again. He says in the current OMNI that I've admitted that none of the astronauts have ever seen legit UFOs but that we should believe they did because in essence it's good for business.

"He's so full of shit it's coming out his ears. I never said any such thing in print or to his distorted face. Untruths are a 'No, No' when a believer says them, but the Capt. and others of his ilk think they can get away with twisting and distorting other people's words. Oberg never spent time checking over the transcripts like I did. There is a mountain of stuff in the NASA files. All Oberg apparently reads is the Midnight/Globe. (Who are usually more honest than he is.) The fickle finger of fate to him and others who insist on pulling the wool over everyone's eyes."

PETER EDLER, a co-worker of famed contactee Betty Hill, writes:

"Thanks for plugging 'Soldiers of Earth' in the Ego Dept. of 'Saucer Spear'.

"In view of the prevailing situation in the UFO field, I think of 'Soldiers' as a factionalized rather than a fictionalized book. In mythological UFO reality, the word faction stands for the fusion of fact and fiction.

"You are kind to call me modest and my work monumental. My colossal ego was colossally flattered by your editorial attention."

It sounds like Peter is ready for our '3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -D Theory' - or maybe even beyond it! - Editor.