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IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE "DREADED X":

If an "X" follows your name on the envelope in which you received this glorious issue of "Saucer Jeer", you will (sob!) receive no more newsletters unless we hear from you pronto.

If there's no "X" following your name, you're safe until the next Purge, and need not write us now.

MAYOR OF GUTTENBERG TAKEN FOR A RIDE:

Your humble "Saucer Jeer" editor doesn't really live in Fart Lee any more, but in a nearby small town called Guttenberg (like the Bible.)

Last Wednesday (April 1st) we were astounded to see the mayor and the entire town council fly by at high noon, in an open-topped saucer-shaped craft, moving slowly at dangerously low altitude over the heart of downtown Guttenberg. Before long a crowd of citizens (as well as quite a few aliens) gathered on the streets, smiling and waving and cheering their elected officials.

But the mayor didn't seem to be enjoying the ride at all, and kept shouting something at the people below him. You could hardly hear him at all over the roar of the crowd. The man standing next to me said it sounded like the mayor was saying, "It isn't funny"; but to me it sounded more like, "Give me money".

In any case, the excitement ended when the saucer dumped the mayor and council members into the lake in nearby North Hudson Park - site of another exciting UFO event several years ago.

Unfortunately there are no pictures of last Wednesday's historic event, as the Guttenberg Secret Police & Alien Deportation Squad had confiscated all cameras just before the saucer came over; and if you go to Guttenberg today, you probably won't find anyone who even remembers the incident. Those few viewers who were not already stupified by drugs, seem to have had their minds clouded by some cosmic hypnotic suggestion. The official version is that the aerial vision was actually of old Herr Guttenberg himself, standing by his printing press. The mayor and council members all swear that they were in a bar together at the time - and the townspeople have every reason to believe them.

And that's the way it was on April 1st in Guttenberg, New Jersey.

TID-BITS OF TRASH:

Summer is a Fartean festival, and this summer will be filled with UFO conventions around the country. First in order of appearance will be the APRO bash, to be held at the Airport Marriott Inn, Cleveland, Ohio, on the weekend of June 5th-7th. Your "Saucer Jeer" editor may attend - not as a participant but as a jaundiced observer. Next comes our own 18th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in De Pere, Wisconsin (June 26th-27th), where the speakers will include Rick Hilberg, Col. Wendelle Stevens, Bill Moore, and your humble editor. (For details contact Ron Spanbauer, P.O. Box 172, De Pere, Wi. 54115.) Next comes the austere

12th annual MUFON symposium, to be held July 25th & 26th at prestigious MIT in Cambridge, Mass. Speakers will include Dr. Hynek, Stanton Friedman, and a bevy of lesser MUFON-type experts. Finally, we hear that CUFOS will throw a convention in Chicago some time in September, but we have no details as yet.....

Marcello Truzzi, editor of the "Zetetic Scholar", announces the formation of a new high-level scholarly-but-skeptical group called the "Center for Scientific Anomalies Research" (CSAR). Although he does not mention it in his press release, this group is obviously his answer to the notorious "Skeptical Inquirer", published by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (SCICOP), headed by Dr. Paul Kurtz of the University of Buffalo - which includes among its leading lights all the well-known UFO debunkers such as Oberg, Sheaffer, Klass, and Randi. Basically, Truzzi broke away from SCICOP back in 1978, due to the fact that he was not willing to be as fanatically negative as were the others.

Says Truzzi, regarding his new group: "...The orientation of the Center is exclusively scientific, places the burden of proof on the claimant, and recognizes the need for a degree of proof commensurate with the extraordinary character of the phenomenon claimed. But the Center also wishes to promote open and fair-minded inquiry that will be constructively skeptical. We recognize that scientific anomalies, where valid, may be instruments and driving forces for reconceptualization and growth in scientific theory. Critically and constructively approached, legitimate anomalies should be welcomed by science rather than perceived as ill-fitting nuisances. History clearly demonstrates that tomorrow's science is likely to contain surprises, and tomorrow's theories are likely to explain some of what are today viewed as controversial anomalies...."

Of the nearly 20 scholars whom Truzzi lists in his release, the only name we recognize is that of Dr. J. Allen Hynek. If the others are as fair and open-minded as Hynek, then Truzzi is off to a good start. We sincerely wish him well!....

NASA astronaut Col. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin has sued the authors and publisher of "The Roswell Incident" for having stated therein that he saw UFOs in outer space and/or on the surface of the Moon during his historic space flight in 1969. Co-authors Bill Moore and Charles Berlitz both insist that the suit is totally without merit, whether or not Aldrin actually made such sightings....

Skeptical olde Robert Sheaffer has published a book called "The UFO Verdict: Examining the Evidence", available from Prometheus Books for a mere \$15.95. According to the blurb, the author asks the question - "whether UFOs are extraterrestrial visitors, mere nonsense, or a phenomena (sic) even more bizarre than anyone now imagines". We'd bet on Choice #3, but have the feeling Sheaffer has opted for #2.....

A confidential source (Guess Who??) has recently revealed to us that Phil Klass's first UFO article (actually, his first anti-UFO article) was published way back in 1953 - concerning the now-famous July 1952 radar sightings over Washington, D.C. This is about thirteen years earlier than his better-known 1966 article advancing his "plasma theory" regarding UFO origin. Which goes to show that Phil has been on the wrong side of this issue longer than any of us had suspected....Speaking of Klass - he and Stanton Friedman are engaged in a complex dispute over Betty Hill's famous star map. At a recent formal debate in San Antonio, Texas, Klass thrust a star map at Friedman and challenged him to look at it for 30 seconds and then draw it from memory immediately thereafter (whereas

Betty Hill drew her map about two years after having seen it aboard a spacecraft.) Friedman did not accept Klass's challenge, and gave several reasons for not doing so. The debate has continued in correspondence between the two. (See Friedman's letter further along in this issue)

News Briefies: Just at press time, we received a genuine print of the original "Fish-Tank Man" photo, as published in "Official UFO" a few years ago. No Space, unfortunately, for the photo or story in this issue, nor for several fine missives that have come in during the past few days. We refuse to make these zines any longer than 8 pages unless the Space People pay for it! Stay tuned for our next issue, "Saucer Leer", coming up very soon....Weird reorganizations and internal problems in CUFOS, APRO, and (as always) NICRAP. No Space for this story, either!....Finally, we have just received a (free!) copy of a new book by Tim Beckley and Milt Machlin, titled simply "UFO". It's \$7.95 to the masses....

"ALIEN BODY" UPDATE:

The two sets of alleged alien body photos, which we call "Tomato Man" and "Fish-Tank Man", continue to cause controversy - as you can clearly see from the letter section of this issue.

We also have copies of two interesting letters on this subject, supplied to us by Bill McIntyre of MARCEN, and written by Anthony J. Perzigian, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Cincinnati (Ohio).

In a letter to Leonard Stringfield dated Nov. 15th, 1980, Perzigian states that he has examined some of what we call the "Fish-Tank Man" photos, and was apparently not very impressed with them. His final paragraph reads: "This organism, if it is just that, is quite peculiar and one that I cannot classify as to genus and species. Moreover, I would hesitate on the basis of a photo or two to suggest that it is some extra-terrestrial form vis a vis a fabrication."

In a letter to Earl Jones of OUF00L, dated Feb. 17th, 1981, the same professor comments on his examination of what we call the "Tomato Man" pictures, and concludes as follows: "I realize that at one point (in this letter) I have indicated that it is not a known creature from the earth. Then I have argued against it being of extra-terrestrial origin. From these seemingly conflicting statements you can see that I am puzzled as to the origins of the specimen. I am sorry that I cannot provide you with a definite or positive identification. I hope that this report is of some value to you in your work...."

To be fair, it should be pointed out that one reason Perzigian was obviously more impressed with the last-mentioned photo set than with the first, is that he was giving some weight to the written account of the incident supplied by McIntyre. Stringfield presumably supplied no written account in support of "Fish-Tank Man". So the "decision" goes to "Tomato Man", as being the more nearly authentic pictures, or the less un-authentic pictures, or whatever.

However, when you read skeptical Jim Oberg's objections to McIntyre's "Tomato Man" account, you will see that the "contest" again pretty much becomes a tie! Oberg's letter follows.

**Keel denies
mutilation story**

**Jesse Owens Dies;
His Feats Live On**

The Kansas City Star 3/31/80

**Second
autopsy set
for alien**

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Former Captain JIM OBERG of NASA writes:

"....I haven't spoken much lately because I didn't have anything useful to say. It's good nobody else has followed that policy or your rag would have blank pages. At least then the ink wouldn't come off when I wipe.

"The following is a copy of my letter to Bill McIntyre, dated March 6th, 1981:

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the copy of the pamphlet on the "alien body" case. It certainly was eye-opening, but not for the reasons you may have desired.

I did some checking on your witness's story and found such gross errors that I can only conclude he is untruthful. He refers to the "dew line", which didn't become operational until mid-1957. He refers to a "Dias" Air Base, although Dyess Air Force Base did not even begin laying a runway until 1953. He refers to F-94 jets, although the prototype did not even fly until July 1949 and operational squadrons didn't get them until late 1950. He refers to five men & equipment crammed into an L-19 when that aircraft barely has room for two men! So it's not surprising I conclude he's deceiving you (You yourself caught him at it) - but what is so disappointing is that your own much-vaunted validation of his story never caught any of these gross discrepancies.

Now, what are those photographs? Pilot-type personnel I showed them to confirmed my own first impression (based on grisly personal experience I don't care to elaborate on): It looks like a charred human body, almost certainly an Air Force pilot because of the flight helmet and the AF-standard issue aviator's sunglasses whose frames are clearly identifiable tangled in the wreckage in front of him. The body posture is typical for that kind of gruesome death. The wreckage is unexceptional for a light aircraft and it is specious to say that nobody knows what an alien spaceship should look like. People do know what 1940s-1950s airplane wreckage can look like, and that photo is in line with that interpretation, right down to the spars, bolts, tape, and wire bundles.

So my provisional conclusion is that this is a counterfeit tempest, concocted by your witness with the aid of real accident photos and an unrestrained imagination, and aided by your group's inability to find out when the dew line was opened, when Dyess AFB opened, when F-94s appeared, and how many people fit into an L-19. I'm really disappointed. If you can't verify the easy facts, what is your reliability on the toughies?

BILL RETOFF, Curator of ISRHPUFOC, writes:

"....Enjoyed 'Saucer Spear' and your hard-hitting cover story sent me digging into my vast files here at the Institute of Sounding Rocket History Pertaining to UFO Crap (ISRHPUFOC - I want some initials after my name, too!)

"At the vortex of my unswerving research was the question: Was the Tomato Man actually a monkey that was killed in a post-War rocket experiment (as intimated in the conclusions and speculation by Ground Saucer Watch - GSW)? Here's what I uncovered so far:

"(1) During the time of the alleged crash - 1948 - the most powerful rocket possessed by the U.S. was the ex-Nazi V-2. It's maximum range

was 200 miles. The alleged saucer crash took place near Laredo, Texas - roughly 580 miles from White Sands, where the first V-2s fired in the U.S. were launched from. Apparent conclusion: If the alleged crash did, in fact, occur near Laredo, the crash wasn't the result of an out-of-control rocket impact.

"(2) U.S. scientists first attempted to launch a primate in a rocket on June 11, 1948. On that day, the primate 'Albert' was fired aloft aboard a V-2 rocket. He died. Whether or not by coincidence....the Albert incident and the alleged saucer crash are less than a month apart. The alleged crash happened on July 7, 1948, after Albert's ill-fated flight. Deep Question: Is the Tomato Man actually Albert?

"I will keep rooting around to find out the details of the crash, like, was Albert burned and/or dismembered like the Tomato Man, as gauged from your razor-sharp stat photo in 'Saucer Steer'.

"By the way, U.S. scientists waited until 1949 to rocket further living passengers to their doom. In 1949, three rocket experiments with animals failed, including a launch involving Albert II on June 6th. In fact, it wasn't until 1951 that the U.S. recovered living specimens from a rocket flight - a monkey and eleven mice on Sept. 20.

"Opinion Time: You might be thinking, 'Golly, maybe the Tomato Man crash did occur; maybe the Tomato Man was a monkey that was killed on a Hushed-Up flight on 7/7/48.' Well, if the Government hushed up the 7/7/48 incident, why didn't they hush up their earlier and subsequent failures?

"(3) I was also bothered by the statement in 'Steer' that a Navy photographer apparently snapped the Tomato Man pix - like, what in the hell is a Navy photographer doing in the middle of a frigging desert like White Sands and vicinity? Well, I uncovered the fact that Army/Navy/Air Force personnel often took part in the early sounding rocket (V-2, Aero-bee, Viking) experiments.

"My guess is that, most logically, the Tomato Man was a monkey that got his ass killed in one of these early launches and that the July 7th, 1948 'saucer crash' is, in my opinion, probably a fig newton of somebody's imagination, since our most powerful rocket of that era couldn't possibly have flown that far off course...."

AL MANAK, former chairman of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), writes as follows:

"Jim, as you know, I've been in this so-called UFO field for over 33 years now, and I've always heard about crashed discs....Every so often when sightings get low or news about UFOs stops coming in, someone or something happens; and of course the best thing that could happen is a crashed UFO. Also saying that the crashed UFO had occupants; this is always a side-buster - especially when there were photographs taken, like the so-called 'Tomato Man' that was recently shown to the public....

"In 1978 came the Dayton (Ohio) MUFON Convention, or I should say meeting, because there were only about 150 people in an auditorium that seats 2500! At this meeting Len Stringfield stood up and told us about the crashed UFOs around the world. O how he told us, for 3½ hours! With a boring monotone voice he read reports from a book he had recently published. People walked out or went to eat in a restaurant that was part of the auditorium. By the way, there were more people eating than listening. After eating, we went back to our seats only to be bored to death for another hour.

"Later on that night, about midnight or a little after, most of the out-of-town researchers or publishers of UFO material were meeting in a conference room, in a downtown hotel-motel in Dayton. It was during this time that I knew again, as I have so many times in the past, that the UFO field is filled with some 'very eccentric people.' There was a Mr. Char-

les Wilhelm standing and talking about crashed flying saucers, and about the so-called 'little people' who flew them. I threw my two or three cents worth in, and we were off on yet another argument about crashed UFOs.

"What I'm trying to say, Jim, is that everyone who comes up with a story about downed UFOs is always the third or fourth generation story teller. As it was at this meeting, my own people were telling me to keep quiet. So as time proved out once again, what came out of this meeting some years later, was the 'Tomato Man' or 'Paper Mache Man'. As in the past, a big nothing!"

BILL McINTYRE of MARCEN writes:

"According to your own plan of the day, we must obviously respond to Stringfield's continued droolings....Point by point, using Stringfield's own numbers:

"(1) Speaking of conspiracies that he now implies don't exist, just what was all of that garbage in the Dec. MUFON Journal about the conspiracy to discredit his pictures and him, and shutting up all of his 'sources' as of Oct., 1980? There is far more tangible evidence of a plot to discredit the Coalition photos than there is for any plot to discredit Stringfield's photos or to silence his sources....

"(2) David Dobbs denies that he did anything but repeat the misinformation supplied by Stringfield who was obviously and thoroughly, by his own oblique admission, pissed that the photos were released without being brought to him first. A tape of the MUFON Net broadcast and comments aired that were attributed to Stringfield is available from the Coalition members for anyone desiring to determine the veracity of what was broadcast.

"(3) There is no McIntyre enigma. The photos were simultaneously released by Wilhelm, McIntyre and Pilichis and timed to coincide with publicity for the Coalition meeting at Kent State University. If Stringfield made no judgments as he stated, why did he make such rash comments about McIntyre that were broadcast on the MUFON Net, and then a week or two later he denied that he ever had or would say such things without making his own determination.

"As for Wilhelm starting rumors about Stringfield being a contactee, I first heard that story from James Moseley who said he heard it from certain unnamed northern Ohio ufologists. This was in May of 1979, well before the ill-fated NUFOC convention, and probably can be confirmed by tapes of conversations in MARCEN's office.

"(4) Stringfield appears to be admitting that he is a gibbering idiot because the tapes of the CUP meeting prove that the transcript is verbatim except for flattering him by the exclusion of hundreds of grunts and stutters.

"(5) Bob Barry being Stringfield's source was admittedly a guess and perhaps a bad one, but it is backed by a weird letter from Barry that proves some sort of collusion in the matter.

"(6) We have letters from our source to back up the details of the incident as reported to us. Can Stringfield state the same? The word 'stratified' came directly from our source's letter....

"(7) If Stringfield was not being taken in by fallacious stories, why was he still swearing to the authenticity of his photos in September, and why did he wait till November, after he had heard about the imminent release of our report, to run out and cover his ass by having Dr. Perzigian look at his photos?

"We don't intend to let any of the photos 'rest in peace' because our investigation of the ones we released is still ongoing; and more evidence, both pro and con, is being developed almost daily.

"It is becoming my personal opinion that no good photos of alien bodies will surface because there probably aren't any. I would like to be proven wrong about this statement, but I don't think so."

Nuclear Physicist STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"....Enclosed is Phil Klass's follow-up to the (San Antonio) debate letter and of course my response. I expect that he will conduct a big campaign to discredit me and the (Betty Hill) star map by his typically irrational reasoning, going something like this: 'Stanton Friedman must have very serious reservations about the star map in particular and that whole case in general. Otherwise why would he refuse to participate in a proposed scientific experiment to determine the possibility of recalling a map seen more than 2 years earlier? I offered him the opportunity to view a simulated map for as long as he wished before redrawing it with the map out of sight. He absolutely refused this simple request to check on a most important aspect of this case. Clearly Friedman was afraid that even with a short time for memory loss, he would not be able to accurately redraw the simple map. If he, a scientist, could not recall a simple map within minutes of seeing it, then surely Betty Hill, a social worker, could not recall a more complicated map more than 2 years after supposedly seeing it. It seems clear that her story and the map are both fraudulent, as suggested by Dr. Carl Sagan in his scientific debunking of this case on COSMOS.'

"The whole reasoning is of course false, as I am sure you are smart enough to note. Phil at first even tried to deny, when I mentioned that Dr. Simon was not present in the hall, that the map had anything to do with the use of hypnosis. He did back off from that silly notion....

"I don't see how you can draw a parallel between the Hill experience of 1961 and the Pleadean garbage. There is no equivalent of Marjorie Fish's work, no cadre of professionals standing behind that garbage equivalent to say Saunders, Dickinson, myself, Leo Sprinkle, Jeff Kretsch, Michael Peck, etc. There is no collection of taped sessions by a Dr. Simon for later review, and no John Fuller equivalent.

"(On the other hand) all my checks on Stevens have shown him not to be objective, careful, or fully honest - about the Herman case as well as about why Vogel didn't show up at the San Diego convention, and about Meier. Betty and Barney Hill brought no messages, took no trips, were terribly frightened. The star map work is very important, as is the fact that none of its critics have accurately represented what was done or how it was done, as pointed out by Dickinson in his update. In short, where is the correlation either between the two cases or even between Betty's current UFO (not flying saucer) sightings and her 1961 experience??...."

The Dreaded ANONYMOUS "D.L." hereupon "reveals Himself", as follows:

"....My name is Donald Loomis. I am a resident of Jersey City, N.J., and I have always been rather casually interested in UFO reports and related subjects.

"Shortly before his recent death, I made the acquaintance of Mr. Jack Robinson, and later that of Mr. Moseley. Since then I have had the opportunity to become aware of some of the exceptionally weird stuff that is and has been going on inside the world of 'Ufology' - and the more aware I have become, the more astounded I have been - basically at the stupidity of a great deal of it. (Not all of it, mind you, lest anyone accuse me of being the illegitimate son of Phil Klass!)

"For the general information of the public, I wish to state that I have never belonged to a single UFO organization nor subscribed to any UFO magazines (though I've picked up some on newsstands), and I have practically no works on flying saucers in my library. I've never even attended a UFO convention! I therefore certainly cannot make any claims to having any credentials as a UFO 'authority', as so many others have done.

"However, I consider myself a basically logical, rational individual who has become somewhat tired of seeing some of the garbage which is constantly being dished out in UFO publications go by unchallenged. And so I have decided to challenge at least some of it...."

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March 8, 1981

Dear Jim:

I only wish that you had not asked me for my comments on Jerry Clark's recent FATE article entitled "Philip Klass vs. The UFO Promoters." Publicly, I intend to denounce it as an outrageous lie from start to finish. But as we both know, it is 213% accurate. (Spelling 100%, punctuation 99%, and 14% for honest reporting = 213%)

Thank heavens Jerry's research was so superficial that he did not discover the truly embarrassing facts of my life that would have been so terribly embarrassing. For example: (1) That I have been arrested 18 times for incestuous relationship with my live-in cockroach, and have been convicted nine times, (2) I not only rob blind men of their pencils but as I depart I kick them in the leg while I scream: "Next time wear shin guards, (3) I have committed so many ad-hominem attacks by questioning the claims of "UFO-abductees" that when the U.S. Postal Service receives letters addressed to "The Ad-Hominem Rapist," they immediately deliver them to me.

There are a few even more embarrassing items that Jerry Clark was kind enough to omit from his article. For example, that at the time that I was accusing Todd Zechel of being a complete phoney and charging that he had been working as a carpenter and a fireman during the time he claimed to have been working for U.S. intelligence agencies, Clark was hailing Zechel as one of UFOlogy's leading figures and writing to me to say that based on his first-hand experience with Zechel he knew him to be a person of "great personal decency and uncompromising integrity." As most of your readers now know, Clark again proved to be 213% right about another victim of my ad-hominem attacks.

I think that someone should nominate Jerry for a Pulitzer Prize for his insightful expose and am confident he will be a hands-down winner. An unconfirmed rumor in Washington is that The Washington Post has offered Clark \$250,000 per year to leave Fate and join the newspaper as its chief investigative reporter and that The New York Times also is bidding for his services, as a result of his article.

My own career as a skeptic-UFOlogist has gone into a deep decline as a result and during my recent debate with Stanton Friedman at Trinity University I was booted out of the auditorium, forcing Friedman to present both sides of the controversy, which was not easy.

As a result of all of this, I am in a deep depression and have been forced to seek outside diversions, including (1) buying a new townhouse, (2) trying to sell my apartment to help pay for townhouse, (3) developing plans to rob the Chase Manhattan Bank Headquarters to try to raise funds to pay for townhouse and (4) trying to find time to take two weeks of last summer's vacation before it expires. Ill-fortune thus has plagued me since Clark's expose.

