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MISC. RAVINGS

Our apologies to Mrs. Betty Powell, Bigfoot hunter of West Jefferson, Ohio, whose picture appeared on the front page of our last issue. Unfortunately, the picture reproduced so poorly that the lady looks more like Bigfoot than like herself.

We have tried again with the same photo, at the lower right on Page 4 of this issue - hopefully with better results!

Meanwhile, the Bigfoot Saga grinds on in West Jefferson. Betty Powell writes us that, since the recent UFO landing there, the creatures seem different, and she theorizes that the reason for the landing was to pick up the old crew of Bigfeet and deposit a new group in the same area. All telepathic communication has stopped, and incidents of loud noise and apparent hostility have increased, according to Mrs. Powell. Stay tuned!

We should also explain the upper left picture on the photo page, which hopefully looks like a little green man in a pickle jar. This photo was given to us by a highly reputable and trustworthy associate, on condition that we not reveal his identity. It was, in all seriousness (yes really, folks!) taken at Wright-Patterson AFB by a real scientist working there. We can reveal no further info. at this time, and do not expect to be able to do so in the foreseeable future. (Tease, tease!)

Your humble editor is firmly of the opinion that unless the quality of UFO evidence gets better somehow, the UFO field is going to gradually sink into a bottomless pit of hobbyism from which it will probably never emerge.

In this connection we were quite impressed with an article that appeared, of all places, in the National Enquirer of Aug. 11th - co-authored by non-subscriber Bob Pratt, whose recent letter-to-the-editor appears on the back page of this issue.

In this particular close encounter, which occurred in late 1980, all three witnesses allegedly developed severe burns and other physical symptoms far beyond what could reasonably be called psychosomatic. One of the witnesses, named Betty Cash, spent almost four weeks in the hospital. The medical records are available, and certainly must prove these people really were burned by something!

Dr. Leo Sprinkle got into the act, and hypnotized one of the victims, with the usual exciting results - which to us proves nothing. (One can lie or be deluded under hypnosis.)

But the medical evidence is impressive. Non-subscriber John Schuesler, an aerospace engineer with NASA, is quoted in the Enquirer as saying that a radiologist who examined the medical records concluded that these people were suffering from the symptoms of radiation poisoning.

And, a leading UFO skeptic - a man whose name inspires disgust in all True Believers - told us in confidence that he is quite impressed by this case. "Maybe after all these years you (believers) really have something" said he.

We sincerely hope so. If UFOs are 3-D realities even some of the

time, they must leave behind physical evidence of their existence. Sooner or later we had better find evidence so strong as to be acceptable to all reasonable men (and women) - or else, as already stated, this field of research will eventually disappear down the drain, in our opinion.

We have from Jerry Clark of "Fate" Magazine a fascinating 32-page article that will appear in the forthcoming October issue of that magazine. (The article is also available separately from "Fate's" office, and is well worth the price of one dollar.)

In brief, a scientist named Dennis Rawlins has decided to go public with his complaints about the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). The arguments are lengthy and somewhat technical, and concern CSICOP's attempt to investigate certain French astrological claims. When the evidence came out to seemingly confirm these astrological claims, CSICOP tried to suppress it, and fired Rawlins because of his objection to this suppression of evidence!....

Now for the latest round in the endless dispute between Big Jim Oberg and Tim Beckley, re the authenticity of an article, supposedly from a Canadian newspaper, describing the kidnapping by aliens of a librarian named Miss Penelope Cuntz.

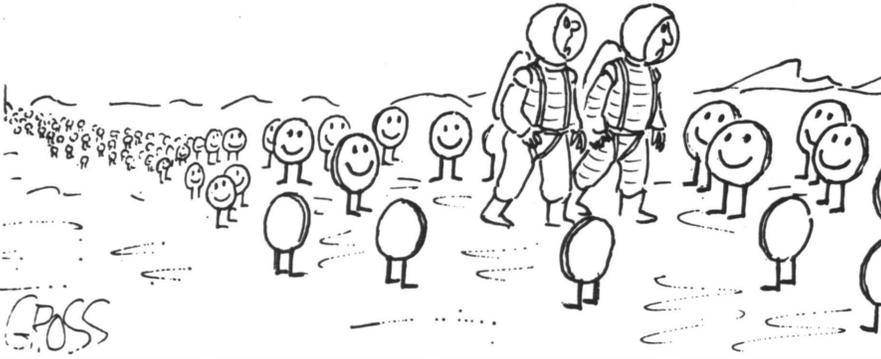
In brief, Beckley insists the article is from the Toronto Sunday Sun, whereas Oberg insists it is really from the National Lampoon - a satirical humor magazine. It turns out that Oberg is right. We have learned that a weather map on the same page as the Cuntz article is obviously satirical, with items such as: "Extended Forecast - cold this winter, turning warmer in the spring. Then hot and humid all summer. A period of cooling will follow in autumn" etc. However, Beckley is correct in stating that he printed the Cuntz story in good faith, and was apparently fooled by those who sent it to him.

Again, let us remind you that Tim Beckley will be sponsoring another New Age symposium from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 26th and again on Sunday Sept. 27th at Christ Church, 60th St. & Park Ave., N.Y.C. Your humble "Saucer Smear" editor will serve on a panel of "experts" at the Saturday session, along with other dedicated truth-seekers. For details, phone 212-MU-5-4080.....

Has the infamous R.E. Straith hoax letter to George Adamski finally been solved? We have a written "confession" from former Seattle UFO researcher Richard Ogden, who states in a recent letter: "I wrote the Straith letter and you have been right all along. It was written so many years ago (1957) that the statute of limitations has run out. Mr. Manley (apparently he means James Maney - Ed.) was in on the deal. He was the source of all kinds of blank letterhead stationery, so there was no problem. He wanted me to write another one and I blew up and tried to expose him to cover my own tracks....Why did I write it? The answer is love for Adamski and an insane desire to do all I could to help him get officially recognized....."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS and Peter Gersten of CAUS and GSW were on the Tom Snyder "Tomorrow" Show on the night/morning of Aug. 5th/6th. Hynek came off well as usual, but Gersten looked & sounded like a wild-eyed fanatic rather than a practicing lawyer, as he described his battles with the CIA for the release of flying saucer documents.....

FINALLY, let us again recommend the weird but wonderful Church of the SubGenius and their newsletter "The Stark Fist of Removal". It's hard to describe just what this church is, but it seems to be a satire on other churches. Send \$3.00 to P.O. Box 140306, Dallas, Texas 75214.



"If I hear 'Have a nice day' one more time, I'm going to kick one of them."

Man With a Hatchet Took Mother-in-Law For Large Raccoon

VIRGINIA BEACH, July 15 (AP)— A Texas mechanic told police he mistook his mother-in-law for a large raccoon when he hacked her to death with a hatchet.

'Brutal Ax Pigger' Strikes

MADISON, Wis. (UPI) — The Brutal Ax Pigger apparently has struck again, killing the sixth pig in three years at the University of Wisconsin Swine Barn, police said.

"It happens every year just about this time," said Detective Gary Moore of the UW Protection and Security Division. "So far we have no leads on who's doing this."

"Actually, we figure there are two piggers out there. One we call the Brutal Ax Pigger, and the other is just a thief."

The latest killing occurred Monday night, and Moore said the Brutal Ax Pigger probably was responsible.

"This pig was brutalized," he said. "From the available evidence, I'd say she was hit nine or 10 times with an ax."

The pig was beheaded and its carcass stolen, Moore said. University officials estimated the animal's value at \$100.

Giant Attacks Food Coupons

The Washington Post 6/4/80

Neanderthal man barbecued

The (Vancouver, Wash.) Columbian 8 26 80

Canadian economist feels rates have hit there peak

The Calgary (Alberta) Herald 4/14/80 (first edition)

Canadian economist feels rates have hit thier peak

The Calgary (Alberta) Herald 4/14/80 (second edition)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Big JIM OBERG writes as follows, in reply to a letter from kool Kal K. Korff on Page 7 of our last issue:

"The kkkid has a lot to learn about magazine publishing, however sharp his kknackkk at exposing obvious hoaxes. As he kknnows, I sent his article on to "Omni"/"Penthouse" with a note saying it was a significant, serious piece of research. (Since then, "Omni" has decided to discontinue the UFO column, but I can't even get my stuff backkk from them, so KKK should get off my neckkk!)"

"Imagine my horror when I found out that the article KKK sent via me to "Omni" also was being published by MUFON and by another pulp monthly! That's very poor strategy, KKK, and bad manners; and had "Omni" bought the article on my suggestion, KKK would have been guilty of copyright violation and I would have been terribly embarrassed for having sponsored it."

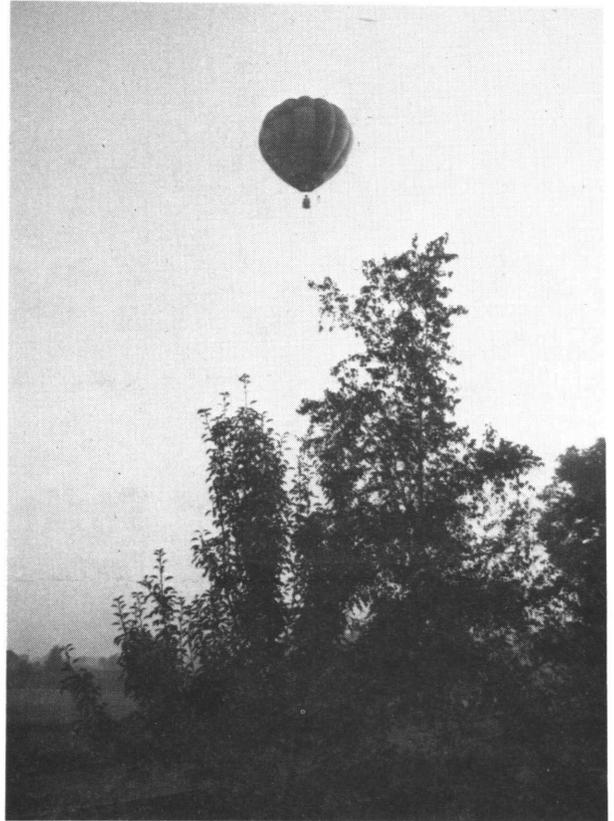
"So KKK should be happy with the outcome, and shut up. He has proven that some UFO researchers can tell a UFO from a wart on their ass (or a hoax.) Kkkindly kkeep off my backkk, kknave!"

"DR" BILL McINTYRE sends us the following Gem - in addition to a longer missive printed further along in this section:

"I just returned from three more days in the 'Twilight Zone' of Rome, Ohio, shooting at invisible Bigfoots. As far as I know, on Saturday night August 21st, I was the first person to aim for the crotch - and it responded with a holler or scream that all heard...."

To this, we can only register our disapproval. AIM HIGH, DOC, AIM HIGH! - Editor.

THRILLING PHOTO PAGE: Top left picture: Already explained. Top right: Semi-mysterious balloon photographed by your humble editor on the A.M. of July 18th at the Bigfoot site in West Jefferson, Ohio. Bottom left: Mrs. Betty Powell of West Jefferson next to her "Bigfoot feeder" ladder. Bottom right: Self-explanatory, as well as previously explained. (Photographs uncopyrighted, & may only be reproduced without permission of the editor.)



Betty Powell points to Bigfoot print on the lawn near her home.



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

ALLEN GREENFIELD of Atlanta writes:

"Thanks a lot for writing and for mentioning my recent efforts in your zine, which I always read and usually delight in. It's nice to see Ufoology depicted as it actually is, for a change.

"For what it's worth, I don't consider myself as a former Ufologist but a present, though more skeptical one, and I offer my recent publication (still not in general release due to shortage of funds) as evidence thereof. A couple of my more recent articles have been published in Great Britain and are reprinted in the current booklet. Ufology, as should be evident from 'Stargate Times', is now definitely a back burner item in my life, but it is still an ongoing and active interest...."

DAVE SCHROTH writes the following letter, which we had to delay for several issues because of lack of Space:

"In his letter in 'Saucer Leer', Jerry Clark argues that Phil Klass cannot be taken seriously. Coming from someone as credulous as Clark, that suggestion is a real knee-slapper. Apparently Jerry sees no reasons why he cannot be taken seriously. I will therefore name a few:

"(1) Clark has written that the 1953 disappearance of an Air Force jet over Lake Superior 'is undoubtedly as authenticated an act of hostility (by malevolent saucer aliens) as can be found anywhere'. ('Flying Saucer Review', July-Aug. 1968, p. 21). How Clark knows this is a mystery. In fact, Story's 'Encyclopedia of UFOs' (which Clark has praised) states (pp. 197-198) that it is impossible to determine the cause of the jet's disappearance because crucial information is not available in official records on the incident. Clark's conjecture about hostile UFO-nauts is thus about as logical as the claim of Bermuda Triangle mythmakers that Flight 19 vanished into another dimension. Clark failed to consider that the jet's disappearance may have had a simple, non-Ufological cause, such as a collision with birds.

"(2) Regarding the Merkel, Texas, case in which a little man was seen descending a rope suspended from a mysterious airship, Clark wrote in 1975 that 'its occurrence amid the 1897 airship flap should prove conclusively that we are dealing with phenomena whose full implications boggle the mind'. (Clark and Coleman, 'The Unidentified', p. 159). Unfortunately, what it did prove is that we are dealing with Ufologists whose gullibility knows no limits: Two years later Clark announced that the Merkel case had been determined to be a hoax. ('Proceedings' of the 1977 FATE UFO Congress, p. 340).

"(3) Besides promoting UFO cases like these that are as 'solid' as Jello, Clark has endorsed the reality of such far-out wonders as (a) UFOs landing in Americans' backyards; (b) paraphysical UFO-nauts who seem both to exist and not exist; (c) close encounters with naked UFO-nauts; (d) 'fairies' cavorting throughout the British Isles; and (e) a UFO 'Phenomenon' much too devious and perverse to be comprehended by mere human beings. The only problem is that no one has produced a shred of evidence for the existence of any of these things.

"(4) Clark has written that 'it is impossible' for a person under hypnosis to lie when 'in the deepest trance state'. ('UFO Report', Aug. 1976, p. 52). Such a proposition is deep nonsense. In fact, even Dr. Leo Sprinkle - a full-fledged UFO proponent who once taught Clark how to hypnotize a person - has repudiated the myth of the impossibility of lying while under hypnosis. (See Allan Hendry's 'The UFO Handbook', pp. 172-173).

"Such are a few of the inanities propounded by sophisticated Ufologist Jerry Clark.

"And we're supposed to take this guy seriously???"

Editor's Note: Jerry Clark will undoubtedly defend himself at undue length in our next issue, but in the meanwhile we would like to state that we find Clark to be an unusually knowledgeable researcher who dares to think in "3½-D" terms and who, more importantly, dares to admit his mistakes.

DALE RETTIG, former member of the Permanent Organizing Committee (POC) of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), writes as follows:

"I was horrified to read in the latest ish of 'Saucer Smear' that I was voted off the POC. I would have resigned rather than suffer such ignominy! Have you ever heard of 'due process'? Why, then, wasn't I even notified of the July 16th meeting? I'm quite sure this action was contrary to the Group's own by-laws, and thus void. I will therefore continue to represent myself as a member of this august Group. Such 'star chamber' proceedings are simply of no effect.

"May the Three Men in Black stick a needle in your navel!"

And may they stick three needles in your navel! - Editor.

Our olde friend "DR." BILL McINTYRE writes:

"I was interested in your newsletter complaints about the Howard Johnson johns. Was this just another smokescreen because most of the Field is under the impression that you squat to pee?.....

"Now to briefly respond to another small subject from 'Smear', re Kal Korff. It would appear that Mr. Korff does not keep up with what goes on even in your rag, or he would have known that the Hoax and Fraud Committee is not a new organization but a committee of the Coalition of Concerned Ufologists, and hardly new.

"Now - point by point to Mr. Korff:

"(1) If Korff can produce anything printed by or written by anyone at MARCEN claiming 40,000 members as he says, I will publicly kiss him where the sun never shines at high noon at a location of his choosing.

"(2) We will release the name of our confidential source (re 'Tomato Man') the minute Stringfield releases the name or names of the sources of his photos. James Oberg's criticisms were indeed legitimate and were answered the day we received his letter, and a copy was sent to the Supreme Commander (of 'Saucer Smear') the same day.

"(3) Why should the names and addresses of everyone's members be released? So Kal Korff and his teeny bopper friends can write for more pen pals? Government documentation from the Postal Service and the IRS concerning the number of members of MARCEN and other non-profit organizations has been readily available and has even been shown to the Supreme Commander when he was in Washington.

"Maybe it is now time that Kal Korff explains why he has not had the guts to respond to the three letters he received from the persons he bad-mouthed after his last letter was published."

Friendly but Super-Skeptical DANIEL COHEN writes:

"....I am starting work on what promises to be my magnum opus - a complete encyclopedia of all the world's monsters. I'll probably miss a few, but I want to be as complete as possible. If any of your non-subscribers have heard of anything strange lurking about their areas, I would appreciate their getting in touch with me. I'm not proving or disproving, just recording. Forget Bigfoot, Champ, Ogopog, and the other big names; I have plenty of info. on them. What I am looking for are things like the Phantom Lion, the Beast of Busco, and the Lizard Man of San Antonio."

I think the Lizard Man of San Antonio lives in our neighborhood! Anyhow, Dan Cohen's address is: 24 Elizabeth St., Port Jervis, N.Y. 12771.- Editor.

MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Your last issue (Vol. 28, No. 8) of 'Saucer Smear' with its emphasis on Sasquatch was of interest to me. Seven months ago when I moved out here to Seattle I was most apprehensive about Bigfoot. My worst fears have been realized; apparently so great is everyone's fear of this monster that not a word of him/her/it has been mentioned since I arrived!

"On another topic - the Navy has decided to put the battleship New Jersey back into service. As a result they had to move it from Bremerton, Wa., to Longview, Wa., and they did this by pulling it with tugboats! Perhaps non-subscriber Bill Moore could explain why the Navy is using this old method instead of via 'Philadelphia Experiment' style?"

KENNETH BEHRENDT, Director of PROTEUS and associate editor of the 'Sixth Quark Journal' writes as follows:

"Because of the unusually high quality of the last issue of 'Saucer Smear' I feel compelled to comment on your field report concerning Bigfoot sightings in Ohio....Here are some possibilities you may not have considered:

"(A) Bigfoot is an extraterrestrial homonid accidentally dropped here by aliens. These large creatures have evolved the ability to generate a field effect that distorts the electrical structure of the atoms composing their bodies and renders them invisible. As they multiply in the dwindling forests of earth, they will eventually become dangerous to humanity, and the aliens are now desperately trying to round them up in their UFOs.

"(B) Bigfoot is an advanced, genetically engineered primate that the aliens use as a disposable exploration team. If one of them dies on a mission, it is rapidly consumed (along with its bones) by predatory wildlife.

"(C) The boys at Battelle Institute (near the Bigfoot site) have finally cracked the secret of rendering a human invisible with a small portable unit and are field testing it in the area of Ohio you visited. Their goal is to render soldiers and equipment invisible so the U.S.A. can quickly defeat any earthly enemy in conventional warfare - shades of the 'Philadelphia Experiment' !

"I also want to mention that I've just completed a manuscript for a new book tentatively titled 'The First Book of Theoretical Ufology' for which I am looking for a publisher and would appreciate any advice and/or encouragement from your readers. This book is designed to deal with many of the above issues and is a 'block buster' that should tear the UFO field wide open!"

GARY UNDERWOOD writes:

"In answer to the question you raise on page 3 of the current 'Saucer Smear', some species of birds have been known to go about their 'bird calling' at all hours of the night. I suspect you heard one of such a species. So there is nothing to worry about unless you're deathly afraid of birds and such. As for the other sounds you heard, - well, if I were to go outside at this minute listening for 'unworldly' sounds, chances are that I could come up with quite a few. If you can't hear some sort of sound on your own, your imagination will hear one for you.

"And it's strange that the ten bright lights chose to wait until a couple of nights after you had left to appear and land. Maybe they were afraid you wouldn't believe in them....I don't know, Jim; this story just doesn't seem to be right....

"I would hate to think that the only way Bigfoot can survive is to dig around in old dog food bowls and trash cans. Your theory that huge bipeds couldn't find enough to eat in the woods is ridiculous. Even 'Bigfootologist' (as he likes to call himself) Jon Beckjord can tell you that!"

August 12, 1981

Dear Jim:

I've decided to come out of the closet at last. The National Enquirer editors frowned on any outside activities and suspected me of being a nut anyway for taking UFOs seriously. A few years back I wrote a letter to the editor of Editor and Publisher, the newspaperman's journal, defending UFO coverage--and a long time later one of my editors mentioned it while listing some of the dumber things I had done as a reporter for the Enquirer. After that I wouldn't even let the Enquirer's employe newspaper use my name or picture even though I had some fairly exciting adventures while chasing UFO stories.

All of this came to an end late in June when the Enquirer invited me to seek my destiny elsewhere, after 8 years, and I accepted as graciously as possible. My only real regrets (other than losing a nice steady income) was loss of the use of the telephone (I kept in touch with people literally around the world) and the Xerox machine.

So, now I am free to say what I please. And it pleases me to say that probably the brightest spot in all of UFO research, etc., today is your Saucer zine. It not only helps me keep up with what is going on out there but it also helps me keep from taking myself too seriously. It really makes me think twice about opening my mouth about anything in the UFO business, but it won't stop me. I know that when the day comes that I put my own stuff into print in one form or another, I had better be prepared to defend myself. Phil Klass and his friends are the least of my concern because I'm sure there will be plenty of people on the pro-UFO side who will be ready to tear something apart. Which is no doubt the way it should be.

For the time being, instead of trying to go back to newspaper work, which I did before joining the Enquirer, I am going to try to stay in UFO research full time. At the moment I am writing a book (who isn't), and have at least two more in mind. I also have several other projects I am working on, and there is a strong possibility of a new national UFO magazine's starting up before the end of the year that I would be associated with in some capacity.

I just returned from a two-week trip to Brazil, where I did research for my book, including new UFO investigations as well as follow ups on cases I studied several years back. Most of this will appear in my book. I can say that UFO activity is almost epidemic in certain regions of the Amazon right now. I spent four days there and would like to go back for an extended stay. I had more adventures than I care for--three near crashes on landings or takeoffs in our Cessna 172 and our engine fortunately blowing apart just before we took off for a 300-mile flight over the jungle. Twenty minutes later and they would have been searching for us yet.

Anyway, please keep me on your list of non-subscribers at this address: 4623 Holly Lake Drive, Lake Worth, FL. 33463. I really enjoy getting your newsletter and you are free to use any part of this letter that you wish.

Cheers,


Bob Pratt