

"As all regular readers of (this) publication are surely aware, Moseley's sense of humor is almost legendary. One may perhaps label him 'The Voltaire of the UFO movement', in view of his perceptive and witty satires.."

- ROBERT SHEAFFER, writing in his current book "The UFO Verdict" (Page 153) - published by Prometheus Books (1203 Kensington Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14215.) \$15.95. (STEEP!) See enthusiastic book review below, plus Sheaffer's letter to the editor further along in this issue.

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James W. Moseley

It's frightening how close your humble editor came to overlooking the marvelous new UFO book mentioned above. When author Bob Sheaffer refused to arrange a free review copy for us, we said to ourselves, "To hell with it - Who needs to read another skeptical saucer book anyhow?"

But Sheaffer kept sending us blurbs full of favorable reviews from "real" magazines - sprinkled with just a scattering of unfavorable reviews, such as the one by MUFON's Walt Andrus, who called the book "An insult to the intelligence of any knowledgeable reader". Our curiosity was aroused (just as Sheaffer had plotted!) After all, could any book condemned by Walt Andrus be anything less than inspiring? We had to find out for sure!

Then, while visiting Gray Barker recently (see next story), we found that he had gone so far as to buy a copy, and, gentle non-subscribers, we actually read it - or parts of it, anyhow.

Now, you know that your humble editor is only susceptible to flattery, bribery, and (sometimes) Truth. Since no one has ever bothered to bribe us, due to our small circulation, and Truth is hard to come by, that leaves flattery. And, quite frankly, after reading Page 153, and especially the part quoted above, we became immediately convinced of the dedication, deep perception, and amazing 3½-D insight which the author obviously possesses. No one has ever before had the intuitive genius to compare us favorably to Voltaire - though we wonder: Voltaire is said by Catholics to have died screaming for a priest. Does this perchance imply that your editor may someday expire while screaming for Dr. Hynek? We hope not!

While the quality of writing on Page 153 could scarcely be maintained throughout, there are other good parts to the book also - too numerous to elaborate on here. Sheaffer has really (seriously, folks!) done a thorough job of researching the complex details of the goings-on in the UFO field, regarding interpretation of sightings as well as intramural feuds such as "Saucer Smear" delights in. The book flows in a witty, readable manner, and the author's skepticism is not thrust upon us unduly.

In his summation at the end of the book, Sheaffer tells us, in effect, that the world has achieved its unprecedented population and technological growth through science; and if we let the "mythology" of UFOs and similar anti-scientific backsliding take over, all these gains will be lost. But it could as well be argued that, through mindless over-population and the evil side of technology (atom bombs, etc.) science itself has taken us to the very brink of world-wide disaster. If that is the case, and even assuming as Sheaffer does that Ufology is an aspect of mythology, aren't we nevertheless better off with 3½-D demons and gremlins than with

the stark horrors of present-day materialism? As George Adamski said, "Only time will tell".

Meanwhile - while the radiation count in your neighborhood is still tolerable - we urge you to BUY THIS BOOK! Let's all help to make Bob Sheaffer so rich that he'll start writing about sensible subjects and leave the UFO field alone. We recommend not just one book for every household in America, but a copy in every room, for those who find themselves unable to put the book down! And two copies in every bathroom - one for reading during those long boring interludes therein, and another in case of an emergency lack of disposable paper. One can't be too careful in this uncertain age in which we live!

#### MISC. RAVINGS:

Pictured below is well-known ufologist Gray Barker, shown with several close relatives, standing in front of the recently remodeled Manor House of his luxurious country estate near Sutton, West Virginia. Long-time UFO fans may remember that this is the area in which the infamous Flatwoods Monster (not shown here) was seen by several people back in 1952. In fact, it was this classic sighting that propelled Barker into the UFO field at that time.

Barker is now in semi-retirement, having given up his quarters in Clarksburg. His new mailing address is: Box D, Jane Lew, W. Va. 26378. Barker is currently working on several ufological projects, including a much-needed index of all 70 issues of the old SAUCER NEWS (1954-1970). When we visited Barker and his family at Sutton recently, we were pleased to learn that some of the rare back issues of SAUCER NEWS are now selling for as much as \$25 each. (Original price: 10¢ per copy, or \$1.00 for 12 monthly issues!)

Incidentally, Gray Barker was recently appointed to the Permanent Organizing Committee (POC) of the National UFO Conference, of which your "Saucer Smear" editor is Permanent Chairman. Barker replaces Tom Benson, who has resigned semi-mysteriously from all ufological activities. Other members of the POC are: Rick Hilberg, Carol Hilberg, Al Greenfield, Tim Beckley, Ed Biebel, Bob Easley, and Al Manak.

Ufologist Hal Starr (real name!) of Phoenix, Arizona has kindly sent us a tape of a recent radio interview by Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW). It seems Spaulding now believes, on the basis of the Free-



In exclusive "Saucer Smear" photo at left, Gray Barker is the tall fellow with the hat on, leaning to the right.

dom of Information documents he has received, that UFOs are a U.S. government plot to manipulate our beliefs through the clever use of misinformation, drugs, hypnosis, unmarked helicopters (for cattle mutilations!), and the like. He calls this the "Federal Hypothesis", and it seems to be heavily influenced by Jacques Vallee's latest theories, combined with an update on Dr. Leon Davidson's perennial ravings.

There just might be a lot of truth in Spaulding's interesting new beliefs, though it's odd that other people who apparently have read the same FOIA documents (such as lawyer Peter Gersten) have reached entirely different conclusions. Wish we could give you more details, but your editor has been cruelly Cut Off from receipt of GSW publications, even though he still remains New Jersey Director of GSW: (Figure that one out if you can!).....

Dave Reissig, who is obviously one of our more intellectual readers, has thoughtfully sent us an excerpt from a weird book called "Trance, Art, and Creativity", by one John Curtis Gowan. In it, the author speaks kindly of a sort of "3½-D" theory - a concept which we had immodestly thought we invented. He states that "in a metaphoric sense we can say that the time dimension is 'half' a space dimension. Curiously, one finds this out intuitively. We have full intuition of the three spatial dimensions, but we cannot intuit the fourth dimension, so we experience it as 'time'. Furthermore this experience is not full; it is partial." Gowan goes on to say that the concept of "three and one half" (three spatial dimensions and half a time dimension) keeps turning up again and again in various forms. Limited Time and Space prevent us from revealing more here regarding this fascinating confirmation of our glorious "3½-D" thinking.....

Palmer Publications, which puts out "Search" Magazine, has recently been bought out by a non-Ufological outfit, & "Search" may be scrapped in the near future, unfortunately.....

Finally, may we wish a Cool Yule to each & every one of our loyal non-subscribers. Keep those cards & letters coming in during 1982 (but please continue to keep them relatively short)!

# Shuttle's a hoax... and that's flat

PEOPLE who think the space shuttle Columbia orbited the earth have got it all wrong — they're actually victims of a giant hoax, says the U.S. president of the British-based Flat Earth Society.

Charles Johnson has flatly rebutted NASA's claims for the shuttle: "It didn't orbit the earth because it can't be done. The earth is flat."

Johnson says the U.S. space program is "a continuing giant rip-off of the taxpayers of America."

So just where DID the space shuttle go? The way he figured it, a few minutes after liftoff, Columbia simply landed at sea, where it floated around waiting to be recovered.

"Of course," says Johnson "those big tanks keep it from sinking."

He claims the shuttle was ...

By JOE NICHOLSON

SHERYL SOHN, the girl jailed for killing her parents, says her father was her best friend but she didn't realize it until after she killed him.

"He was my greatest supporter," said 23-year-old Miss Sohn, who is serving a life sentence for the robbery and father Ar-

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"I don't care where you're from, I'm trying to read!"

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

RICK HILBERG of Cleveland informs us:

"I thought I'd drop you this note to let your loyal non-subscribers know that we are progressing very well indeed with our plans for the 19th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC). We have been quite surprised by the amount of enthusiasm and interest shown so far here in the Cleveland area.

"We promise those delegates attending a first class convention. We have talked Gray Barker into making his first presentation to a major UFO convention in over ten years, and Gray has promised to deliver a blockbuster address. Also, I'm sure that your readers would be interested to know that you will make a major presentation - as well as long-time notables Tim Beckley of New York City and Ed Biebel of southern Arizona.

"We do still have room on the agenda for several more presentations, and would like to hear from researchers, as soon as possible, if they are interested in addressing the NUFOC.

"To sum up: The convention will be held on the weekend of May 29th, 1982, in Parma, Ohio - a Cleveland suburb. We have an excellent facility for the delegates' and public sessions, as well as for delegate lodging at surprisingly budget prices. We will have more detailed information for your readers in coming months, but we'd like to hear from interested persons now. If they contact us now at 3403 W. 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111, we'll send full details and answer any questions.

"Rick Hilberg

United Aerial Phenomena Agency - Sponsor of 1982 NUFOC."

JOHN P. TIMMERMAN of CUFOS writes:

"I regret to inform you that the Board of Directors of CUFOS has refused to accept my resignation, submitted as promised, at their last meeting on October 29th. Their reaction was to the effect that anyone who was able to extract a financial contribution from James W. Moseley should be retained for other incredible accomplishments. I tried to assure them that your action was purely voluntary, but they remained skeptical and unconvinced.

"See how your reputation for parsimony remains untarnished after all these years of publishing and distributing your ufological answer to the weekly supermarket press?

"Shame on those who call you tight! I have supped with you, and you remained more or less sober through most of the evening. To this much I can testify - but to nothing else...."

The Board showed Wisdom. Just wait till they see my 1982 contribution! - Editor.

DR. (real degree!) THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes:

"I doubt that 'Saucer Smear' endorses Xmas, but I will wish the hard-working Commander in Chief a merry one anyway. One request - you have overdone the 'boil on the ass' bit, so I suggest that you cite J. Allen Hynek as a 'pimple on the nose' of the NSF.

"We have two daughters and a granddaughter coming for Xmas, and hope that you have the same difficulty!

"Happy new year with saucers...."

No more "boil on the ass of Ufology" for us, after Bob Sheaffer's great endorsement already described in this issue! And Merry Xmas to you, T.P., and to NASA. May all your missiles be Guided! - Editor.

**Homosexual Loses Boy Scout Suit**

Skeptical young BOB SHEAFFER writes as follows:

"Dear Capt. Jim:

"I'm so proud of the review of my book from 'Sky and Telescope' (enclosed) that I'm popping every button on my shirt. While the likes of Walt Andrus and James McCampbell have been denouncing my book as a 'snow job' or even worse, real scientific publications such as 'Sky and Telescope', the 'Astronomical Society of the Pacific', and the 'New Scientist' have praised the book highly. 'Sky and Telescope' even said, 'If you're only going to have one book on UFOs, this is the one.' Of course, I would be happiest if everyone liked 'The UFO Verdict', but if I had to choose between getting praise from MUFON or praise from the real scientific world, I would certainly choose things to be as they are. The next time you hear Hynek or Friedman or Sturrock crowing about how seriously astronomers take the 'problem' of UFOs, ask them why my book and not Hynek's was chosen as 'the one' by 'Sky and Telescope'."

Researcher JAMES MANEY writes:

"I've been reading Bob Sheaffer's book the last couple of days. It's probably the best anti-UFO book except for Menzel's last, but some of his logic is strange; for example, saying the Alan Smith (Tulsa) photograph is a floodlight filter simply because it looks like one, without any reference to the analytical data (either GSW's or the Air Force's) which make that an unlikely explanation at best. Also, a lot of people in Oklahoma and the midwest did see UFOs that looked like the one Smith photographed during those days. Hayden Hewes and several Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers saw one north of Oklahoma City about two or three hours before the time of the Smith sighting.

"I could better accept Sheaffer's book if he called it the 'Ufology Verdict' rather than the 'UFO Verdict', and I'm afraid I agree with about 90% of what he has to say about Ufology."

BETTY POWELL of West Jefferson, Ohio, writes:

"....Jim, I was just reading the Sept. 10th issue of 'Saucer Smear' when I came upon Gary Underwood's comments on my Bigfoot experience and UFO experience. I would like to comment to Mr. Underwood about this:

"First - I've lived here for twelve years and walked the woods almost daily, and never have I heard the strange bird-like calls that we experienced here recently.

"Second - I had Bob Gardner (big game hunter & very active Bigfoot hunter) listen to the strange noises, and when I asked him if in his opinion we have a Bigfoot here, his answer was, 'Lady - you have multiples, not just one.'

"Third - You & I sat down on the road and heard something (in two's) come across the creek, and we also heard the footsteps coming up the bank in the dry grass & stop behind the tree to our right. Remember, Jim?

"Fourth - I was never involved with UFO watching on any regular basis, but certainly am now.

"Fifth - The UFO that landed in our creek probably knew you were gone (since ESP plays a major role here, in my opinion), and chose to pick the Big Foot up in your absence.

"Sixth - I was not the only one to witness this fabulous sight, but others saw it as well. My son Grover saw the UFO with me from my porch. Laura Esthers saw the lights after it was down in the creek. Trish Gest saw it from inside her house. Nell Elkins & her whole family (4 miles away, in West Jefferson) were out in her yard & watched it as it hovered over her house; and last but not least, the whole city of London, Ohio lost all electric power while this 'Mother Ship' hovered overhead:

"Sorry, Mr. Underwood, that you couldn't have been here to be in on some of these marvelous experiences, but I will keep Jim informed as more happens, & just perhaps you could come as Jim did, when & if it all starts up again, and be part of it. Only seeing and hearing could convince you.."

JON BECKJORD of Project Bigfoot writes:

"My reply to Joan Jeffers' comments in the November 'Saucer Smear' is that we West Coast Bigfooters don't feel that Bigfoot is a vegetarian at all. We've gathered too many reports of people who have seen them stealing chickens, digging out marmots, etc., to stick with the old herbivore theories.

"However, most of the available feces that we have collected and have had checked with Dr. Vaughn Bryant of Texas A & M, a renowned feces expert and anthropologist, have contained mainly grass remains or, strangely, cedar, pine, or spruce needles, even in June! Odd doings, wot? We also find small feces that may, or may not, come from dogs or coyotes, that contain bird and small mammal remains, in our forests.

"May we ask then, who has done the feces analysis for Ms. Jeffers, and what makes her feel that they were from Bigfoot in the first place? This is not a derogatory question; we would honestly like to know."

I guess this dumps the Bigfoot feces right back in Ms. Jeffers' lap. Your turn, Joan! - Editor.

Researcher ARTHUR GOODSTONE writes:

"I received the latest 'Saucer Smear' and was sad to see the final departure of a good friend and truly great researcher in this field of Ufology. There are few men who have walked the path, searching always and putting in the time and a goodly sum of money to promote the Truth out of all the chaos in Ufology today. Tom Benson has brought class to the study by helping to expand the field to include high technology, which lifts it above the petty quarrels of Metaphysical thinking alone. Tom Benson's shining hour is encased in his journal called 'The Sixth Quark Journal', which gives one and all a chance to see and experience the higher realms of mathematical engineering that makes Saucer Flight a reality. We are sorry to see you go, Tom, and I as a fellow State Director of MUFON salute you for all the open-handed contributions to MUFON's research and the help rendered to all our associates in Jim's group. Stay in touch, and for now - so long and farewell...."

FRANK BRUCKMANN writes:

"....I spoke to Tom Benson before receiving your newsletter. He told me about his quitting the UFO field, which, from where I stand, is amazing. At that time I had a local report on a night sighting, but I could not get him to show the slightest interest. Who got to him?..... Will he melt into obscurity now that his work is done, or go up in a puff of smoke and add another spark to the SHC controversy? The only victim of SHC that I have known was an alcoholic whose breath, sooner or later, was sure to go off anyway. Glad I don't smoke.

"Where the hell did you get that news article about 'Mother of four girls weds rapist'? Jeeze, some guys have all the luck!....

"The way I see it, it's your paper, and if you want to print trash and filth in it, go ahead. If anyone doesn't like it, don't read it. I, needless to say, like it - though I can't see the connection to Ufology!"

One of the purposes of this Rag is, hopefully, to encourage people to think. There are, of course, many things worth thinking about, other than UFOs. Perhaps Tom Benson has gone on to that Higher Realm. - Editor.

The intellectually mysterious MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes:

"Speaking of Fatima, did you know there was even a hare there! True. But enough of my hare-praising adventures for now. There is a new line of research I've uncovered which you may find uniquely of interest.

"Boning up on Jungian psychology recently, I was noting some significant similarities between the UFO mythos and the trickster-figure in mythology, and felt it proper to assume the two are related. I'm hardly the first to proffer that assumption, but what particularly struck my fancy was an observation by Jung that the trickster is able to remove its anus and entrust to it special tasks. Could it be, I wondered, that UFOs are entrusted the special task of doing the work of the trickster in our culture? Could it be that UFOs are 'flying assholes'?"

"Frankly, I doubt anyone will be looking into this, even if there is something fertile behind it. Indeed, even I do not care to be the one to diagnose UFOs as somehow symbolizing the spiritual constipation of our age if the obvious possibility stares us in the face. But if this turns out to be the unseen opening to the solution of the UFO problem, then somebody better get to the bottom of it.

"Proctufologically yours,  
Martin S. Kottmeyer"

Martin kindly includes with his letter some supporting background material, including several Freudian-looking drawings of purported UFO understructures (all very round), taken from an article in Tom Benson's now-defunct "Sixth Quark Journal". - Editor.

TIM BECKLEY, alias "Mr. UFO", sends us the following:

"I just returned from the United Kingdom, where I had the honor to speak before a select group inside the House of Lords. Organized by the Earl of Clancarty (Brinsley Le Poer Trench), the House of Lords 'All Party UFO Study Group' has so far heard 19 different speakers from all parts of the world. The Earl is quite a character. I was invited first off to take a special guest seat under Black Road at Chamber level, where I was able to hear the debate going on in the House. Then we went for some tea in the guest tea room, and finally at 5 o'clock we went upstairs, where some twenty Lords (including Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill Norton, a former Chief of Defense Staff) heard my presentation, which included a review of previously classified U.S. documents and the latest in world-wide sightings.

"Also while in England I traveled to Scotland to the home of the Loch Ness Monster and talked with several people who have had UFO sightings near this famous body of water. One gentleman has even suggested that the two might be related, and that both saucers and the creature are  $3\frac{1}{2}$ D.

"After visiting Stonehenge....I spent two days in Warminster, the town made famous by journalist Arthur Shuttlewood. Shuttlewood (author of 'UFO Prophecy', which I published here in the States), as most ufologists well know, claims literally hundreds of sightings. And though others may scoff at him, I also must be added to the list of those who have seen strange things in the sky over this tiny community. After speaking with Arthur in his home....we retired to a nearby hill. After awhile Arthur noticed a light in the sky which seemed unusual to him, and he called for the rest of us to come over. He flashed a searchlight in the direction of the dangling orb; and as if in response, the object began to move about as if under intelligent control. It made several loops which I witnessed, and would bob and weave about at exceptional speed. I never did get a better look at it, because of the distance above us; but it wasn't a star or the planet Venus....

"There is so much doing of a paranormal nature in England (a country so rich in legend and lore) that I shall be going back again very soon."

ALLEN BENZ, formerly of APRO, writes:

"I am sure that you have read Jim Lorenzen's 'Clarification' in Vol. 29, #7/8 of the 'APRO Bulletin'. In it he asserts that I attempted to convert APRO's assets to my personal benefit. In effect, he has said that I tried to steal the Corporation's money. This is inaccurate and highly defamatory. Accordingly, appropriate remedial measures have been instituted. See attached letter to Mr. Lorenzen from my attorney."

Researcher TOM BURCH writes:

"Dear Seeker of Truth,

"Enclosed please find a letter forwarded to me by Dr. Lockett Davis.

"On documents dated 4 Oct. 1978, 20 Oct. 1978 and 14 Dec. 1979 Dr. (?) Williard F. McIntyre informed the Internal Revenue Service that Dr. Davis was a member of the MARCEN Board of Governors (See attached IRS forms signed and dated by McIntyre). Curiously, however, the MARCEN membership (who incidentally have not received any communications from MARCEN in over 22 months) was never notified that Dr. Davis was a member of the Board. In a letter dated 18 August 1981, I asked Dr. Davis to comment on his association with MARCEN and Williard McIntyre. In his reply, dated 22 August 1981, Dr. Davis quite emphatically stated that he had never authorized MARCEN to use his name in any capacity and that furthermore he had never even been asked to become a member of the Board. As you can see by Dr. Davis' letter, he is deeply disturbed by the unauthorized use of his name by Williard McIntyre.

"I realize that many of your non-subscribers may be getting bored by what might appear to be tedious attacks on this infamous individual. However it should be pointed out that McIntyre has caused all of this abuse to be brought upon himself. He created his phony doctorate. He is the one who solicited money through the mail in return for MARCEN journals which have not been written and distributed. He is the one who keeps saying that the next issue will be mailed 'next month' and then fails to honor his promise. He is the one who identified Lockett Davis as a MARCEN Director, without authorization.....

"Stay tuned for next month's episode entitled 'In Search of the MARCEN Journal....."

I think we have "buried" "Dr." McIntyre too many times. Any man who can shoot an invisible Bigfoot in the Groin can't be all bad. (See his letter on Page 3 of our Sept. 10th issue.) - Editor.

DAVE SCHROTH hits us with the following:

"In regard to the continuing debate in 'Saucer Smear' on the alleged merits of 'hypnosis', I'd like to offer a radical proposition:

"I submit that there is no such thing as 'hypnosis' or a 'hypnotic trance'. This does not mean that I reject or deny any facts of human behavior - only the spurious claim that 'hypnosis' involves any kind of 'trance'; it doesn't. The phenomenon called 'hypnosis' actually consists of nothing more than ritualized conversation, role-playing, pretense, and lying. I, however, am not the only skeptic regarding 'hypnosis'. To wit:

"'Since no test has been able to detect the existence of the hypnotic state, there is no reason to assume that such a state exists', says psychologist Theodore X. Barber (quoted in 'The New York Times', Aug. 15th, 1976, section 4, page 6; See also his article 'Who Believes in Hypnosis?', 'Psychology Today', July 1970, page 20.)

"University of California psychologist Theodore Sarbin also argues that there is no evidence whatever for the existence of a hypnotic 'trance' (see his article in 'The Psychological Record', Fall 1973, page 505)....."

**Offensive nominees top the polls in Heisman election**