

"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 book "The UFO Verdict" (Page 153)

"You are....a boil on the ass of ufology."

- JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues"

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P E R S E C U T I O N !

A threatening anonymous letter has been received here at "Saucer Smear" headquarters, signed by one "Amatucci Federici", who gives himself the alias of "The Enforcer". We do not intend to take up precious (???) Space here in "Smear" to print all of this disturbing missive, because it is rather obviously written by one of the top trouble-makers in the Field - either GSW's dreaded "Director of Investigations", Todd Zechel (who was driven out of the Field years ago by popular demand), or else it may well have been written by one of the alleged thousands of PhD's under the direction of "Dr." Williard McIntyre of MARCEN; or (shudder!) even by the good "doctor" himself.

The letter purports to be written by a MAFIA-type individual who is annoyed by the dissention in UFO research. The writer states: "I am writing you because you seem to be putting out a newsletter of sorts that is read by most of the misfits in the field and maybe you can get out the word that we are out here finally doing something and plan to do a lot more. One way or another we will stop the dissent and bring some unity even if we kill everyone trying. As long as you continue and simply report things as they happen, we will let you continue your scurvy rag and your insane contributors, but if you keep getting too far out of line, we may have to send some of our associates to see you....to shut down your typewriter or your typing fingers...."

The writer goes on: "Who is decent in this insane field? Only one man that we can determine - Dr. Joseph Allen Hynek, and we will continue to help him any way we can."

Though we do not take this threat too seriously, we have turned over the original letter to the proper authorities. Serious researchers (if any) are welcome to borrow a photostatic copy from us.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

On the night of July 31st, a special party was given at our New Jersey headquarters in honor of Mary Robinson, widow of famed UFO researcher John J. ("Jack") Robinson. Present, among many others, was radio personality Bob Zanotti, who was on vacation from his present home in Switzerland. Also present were Dominick Lucchesi, Augie Roberts, and Mike Mann - ufological "old-timers" who used to go, along with Jack, on a local New Jersey radio program hosted by Zanotti.

Mary was presented with a plaque reading: "National UFO Conference - Special Award - presented to Jack and Mary Robinson for unique contributions to UFO research - 1982".

It should be added that for many years before his death, Jack Robinson was secretary of the National UFO Conference, and almost single-handedly prepared its annual reports.....

We try to avoid descending into book reviews in this zine. (Our friend Lou Farish does an ample job of this, in his column in the monthly "MUFON UFO Journal"); but we can't back away from the tomes we receive - mostly free - from various authors of understandably diverse persuasions.

One excellent book we received recently is "UFOs - The Greatest Mystery", by Hilary Evans of England. Fully illustrated, this tome briefly reviews almost forty of the most popular UFO sub-topics, such as: historical evidence; possible natural causes; the 1897 airship scare; "Foo Fighters"; Captain Mantell; George Adamski; Government conspiracy theories; Mothman; The Men in Black; abductions; "alternative universe"; etc. The good thing here is that the evidence is presented objectively, without tilting it toward any pre-conceived notions. (Rare indeed!!) Hilary Evans, incidentally, is our only overseas non-subscriber. (Available from Albany Books, 36 Park St., London W1Y 4DE.)

Next we should mention the latest offering from the whirling presses of Global Communications' inexhaustible Timothy Green Beckley, called "The New World Order: Channeled Prophecies from Space". In this worthy volume, an anonymous New York City businessman discusses telepathic communications received from various space entities such as Monka of Mars and Aura Raines of the planet Clarion. We are especially intrigued by the fact he is in touch with Aura, who, (unless we are wrong once again) has not been contacted since the days of classic contactee Truman Betherum - who was driven to divorce because of his association with this space lady. Clarion, by the way, is "a world hidden behind our sun", which makes it astronomically unique in that its gravitational effects have never been detected and therefore do not exist. (303 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1306, New York, N.Y.)

Finally, a second "plug" for Bob Easley's autobiographical "World of Ufology". Now we've actually read and enjoyed it, but the book itself has disappeared mysteriously from our files. Maybe the same can happen to you. Available from: UAPA, 3403 West 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111....

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ONCE AGAIN, SOME OF YOU WILL FIND A DREADED "X" FOLLOWING YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH YOU RECEIVED THIS ISSUE. THIS MEANS THAT YOU ARE RELIEVED OF THE BURDEN OF RECEIVING FURTHER NEWSLETTERS, UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU SHORTLY.

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NEWS BRIEFIES:

There was to have been a Labor Day weekend meeting of the ufological unity committee, appointed in Toronto last month - but now the word is that the meeting has been canceled, with no new date set. This is an un auspicious start for the new committee, and has us worried that it may never get off the ground. Such was the fate of several such attempts in the past....

Bruce Maccabee's Fund for UFO Research, Inc., is offering an award of \$2,000, to be paid in early 1983, for "published research or other writing which contributes significantly to our understanding of UFOs". The award is made in the name of California State University's Prof. Alvin Lawson, about whom you will read more in the letters section of this issue. For additional info about the award, write the Fund for UFO Research, at P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20712....

Gray Barker's Newsletter #16 is just out, and it's a better than

usual fascinating blend of truth and science-fiction. The master story weaver has never lost his touch! Read about Mary Robinson's visions, Donn Shallcross's contact, and a series of abductions that befell a CUFOS field investigator! Your humble "Saucer Smear" editor is mentioned frequently. Barker can be reached at: Box D, Jane Lew, West Virginia 26378....

Non-subscriber Bob Pratt of Florida, formerly with the National Enquirer, is now associated with the National Examiner. He's an honest UFO investigator in spite of his association with the tabloids....

On the night of August 5th, a young Black man named Tim James appeared on NBC's David Letterman show, telling of a UFO he saw at very close range while driving one night on an interstate highway with his sister, back in mid-July. Unfortunately, even for one wishing to believe his story, it didn't seem to come across well at all. James was very nervous and unintentionally funny; and even his stated background as an FBI agent didn't help. Pity - as this is the first first-person "close encounter" story we've seen on TV for a very long time....

Non-subscriber Tom Lind is about to give birth to a 280-page bibliography of UFO periodicals (English language only), containing info on over 1100 titles of current & former newsletters, bulletins, magazines, etc. Available directly from the author for \$13.25, at: P.O. Box 711, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455....

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

None other than CORAL LORENZEN, La Grande Dame of Ufology and founder of APRO, writes us as follows:

"I read your adroit handling of the Toronto summit with interest and I congratulate you.... Please don't feel offended if I point out that the Summit was the idea of one Barbara Schutte from Iowa, one of MUFON/CUFOS's field investigators. If you refer back to past MUFON sheets, you'll find Andrus gave her 'roses' for her idea....

"Jim (Lorenzen) says 'hi' and sends his best regards."

Editor's Note: Coral also sends us details of a complex dispute between APRO and John Schuessler's group, called VISIT, in regard to the Cash/Landrums Case. Unfortunately, Space prevents us from even attempting to summarize the matter here. However, Unity in the UFO field must be progressing in spite of the cynics (including us!), as this is the first time in the nearly 30 years we've known Coral and APRO that she/they have shared info with us, except through their bulletins!

Unseen, unheard visitor just likes to come and go

HUNTINGTON BEACH — Something, apparently a large something, has been wandering around a second-floor balcony in Huntington Harbour. And whatever it might be, the something is leaving a calling card behind.

The calling card is an animal dropping, a huge dropping described by condominium resident Holly Craig as "what you might expect from an elephant."

So far, neither the police, the Humane Society of Huntington Beach nor the county Health Department have solved the riddle of the Craig family's late-night unseen and unheard balcony visitor.

A veterinarian, however, analyzed a

sample and concluded it was the handiwork of a huge pig.

Inasmuch as pigs are scarce in the harbor community and few pigs have demonstrated the ability to climb to a second-floor balcony, the vet's conclusion has not drawn widespread support.

And the Craig family at 3258 Sparkler Drive has been left to wonder what manner of creature it might be that, so far, has visited the homesite three times in the past two months.

Craig admits it is somewhat disquieting to the family to know that something — something whose calling card might pass for an elephant's — is lurking somewhere in Huntington Harbour.

REGISTER, Santa Ana, CA - Feb. 26, 1982
CR: J. Clark

Space shuttle called a hoax

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — That was no space shuttle, that was a hoax, says Charles K. Johnson, president of the Flat Earth Society.

"This airplane landed, but it's just a simple, stupid old airplane carried piggyback and dropped over Lancaster. . . . It hasn't orbited the Earth — that we know," Johnson said after the shuttle landed Sunday at nearby Edwards Air Force Base. "Nobody in the whole Lancaster area believes it's for real."

Johnson, who claims the Flat Earth Research Society International has 1,600 members, said no satellites are orbiting the globe and man has never gone into space.

The sun is nothing more than a small light about 32 miles across and 3,000 miles high, following a circular course over a flat circle called Earth, Johnson said.

July 6, 1982

St. Francis Globe-Democrat

MARCELLO TRUZZI, editor of 'The Zetetic Scholar', writes as follows:

"Though there seems little point in responding to the fulminations of Philip J. Klass, one point of Dr. Posner's letter (in the 7/15 'Smear') perhaps deserves some comment. He refers to the 'curious categorization of Hynek, Truzzi, et al, as "skeptically inclined"'. I think Dr. Posner is falling into the common fallacy of confusing skepticism with disbelief.

"A skeptic is one who expresses doubts and demands further inquiry. Thus, the skeptic expresses a form of agnosticism, or nonbelief rather than disbelief. Active disbelief is a definite position. Denial requires proof just as does belief. Dr. Posner forgets - as do many Ufologists - that the term 'unidentified' in UFOs means just that for people like me and Dr. Hynek. Those who believe in the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis obviously feel they have explained or identified UFOs. Similarly, those like Klass who believe in extraordinary physical plasmas as accounting for what many believe remain mysterious UFO phenomena can say they do not believe in unidentified flying objects.

"On the one hand Ufologists should recognize that believers in the ETH explanation should properly say that they do not believe in UFOs. On the other hand, debunkers like Posner and Klass should recognize that their 'explanations' are often quite extraordinary and (if, like Klass's plasma theory are rejected by most scientists specializing in the relevant specialty area) must therefore accept a heavy burden of proof....

"Clear thinking requires the clear use of language, and I think it is high time that we all stop equating the term skepticism with denial. I remain a true skeptic towards all paranormal claims in that I doubt but do not go so far as to deny....I can only say that the explanations offered by proponents and critics for all UFO reports remain unconvincing. Some remain unidentified. I think Hynek would agree with that judgment. Unfortunately, Dr. Posner seems unwilling to turn his skepticism towards fellow critics. If he does, I think he would soon realize that there are many areas towards which the admirable Dr. Asimov has shown a remarkably closed mind (as have most of us). I would urge Dr. Posner to read some of the replies published to Dr. Asimov's views on paranormal topics. We need less, not more authoritarianism in science."

DAVE SCHROTH, one of the Terrible Skeptics on our mailing list, writes as follows:

"Apropos 'Saucer Smear', July 15th edition, page 3:

"I certainly agree with your statement that Dr. Alvin Lawson's UFO research deserves a fair hearing. But that, alas, is something most saucer enthusiasts are not likely to give it. Why, indeed, should they? Most saucer buffs are motivated not by a quest for knowledge or truth but by a desire for fame, fortune, power, or excitement. (Pardon my cynicism.) Since Lawson's work promises none of those things, it was inevitable that saucer buffs would respond to it as irrationally as they have.

"Saucer fans prefer to believe in gods they call alien spacemen, or in the god Jerome Clark calls 'The Phenomenon', than that the 'UFO mystery' involves nothing more than men deceiving themselves and their fellows. Dr. Lawson's heresy thus consists of his thesis that no aliens are involved in UFO 'abductions'. Such an idea - whether advanced in this form or in the arguments of skeptics like Ruppelt, Condon, or Klass - is no more acceptable to saucer fans than Madalyn Murray's ideas are to believers in more orthodox gods. Besides, the idea that men alone are to blame for the 'UFO mystery' is - compared to super-sophisticated visitors from Zeta Reticuli - not very exciting.

"Dr. Lawson's work reflects qualities that saucer fans should try to emulate - namely, independent thought and original research. The value of the 'Birth Trauma' hypothesis for UFO abduction stories is, however, not yet clear. I rather doubt the need for such an elaborate hypothesis in more than a few cases. My own view is that most abduction stories originate with confounded liars."

KENNETH BEHRENDT writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"I got the impression that Dr. Page's review of 'Life in the Universe' based on NASA's SETI Conference really shook his faith in the ETH because that book, like many others that purport to offer the 'orthodox view', tries to show how utterly improbable extraterrestrial life is by claiming that living cells may evolve only within very narrow planetary conditions and that then only a very long series of random or accidental genetic mutations could lead to an intelligent humanoid lifeform like man.

"Fortunately for the ETH, the above book's premise is based on several fallacious assumptions. First, because of our earthly science's ignorance of long-term stellar and planetary processes, we can not confidently state that a star's planets do not at some point in their own evolution go through a long period where planetary conditions would allow living cells to evolve. Second, the process of biological evolution is basically a continuous modification of organisms' genetic structures, to allow for species' survival in a given environment. If a planet's environment is 'earthlike' long enough, then we should expect, as has happened on earth, that intelligent humanoid life will eventually evolve (and then go on to form societies, develop science and technology, and finally reach the skies of other planets with their flying saucers!)

"In light of the above, I am still a strong adherent of the ETH. The evolution of intelligent humanoid life and its advanced science and technology should be likened to the baking of a cake: If all the ingredients are present in the right proportions and properly mixed and heated, then the result is always an edible cake....I believe the number of life-bearing worlds in our galaxy is far, far higher than that anticipated by the SETI Conference."

Big JIM OBERG writes as follows: (Question marks after words indicate our uncertainty about the spelling - due to handwriting problems.)

"For three months now I have been waiting to get responses to my announcements of major breakthroughs in understanding the Soviet UFO scene. To be modest, my research has given the most important insights into Russian ufology ever published. I sent dozens of leading ufologists preliminary reports with requests for discussion, critique, and commentary. Nobody has answered! Nobody has disagreed with me either.

"In brief, I have ripped the heart out of the 1979 Academy of Sciences statistical study of 'anomalous atmospheric phenomena', solved the famous 1967 Soviet 'flap', revealed the significance of 'crescent-shaped' Russian UFOs, explained the timing of the brief (Nov. '67 - Feb. '68) 'of-

BUCKINGHAM PALACE said 22-year old Prince Andrew, son of Queen Elizabeth and a Navy helicopter pilot, would sail with the Invincible.

The Sunday Herald
(Arlington Heights, Ill.) 4/4/82

Judge OKs gay aliens

San Francisco, Calif. —AP— A federal judge ruled Thursday that the Immigration and Naturalization Service no longer could forbid aliens to enter the country solely because they were homosexuals.

The judge, Robert Aguilar, said the practice violated First Amendment rights of members of San Francisco's Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day Committee.

Prodigals Profit

Social Security officials are choking off thousands of dollars in benefits to orphans. Don't waste a lot of sympathy on the kids, though: The ruling only applies to children who've murdered their parents. The crack-down follows reports that a 20-year-old man who killed his mother and sister five years ago collected \$21,500 in survivor payments upon parole. Another man, convicted of killing his father, raked in about \$8,000. Under a similar 1980 law, some 4,000 prisoners have already been denied Social Security disability or student benefits.

Alien plant perils wildlife habitats

ITHACA, N.Y.—A plant originator suspected of "hitchhiking" United States

Former man dies in California

—FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO. CHRONICLE-NEWS 2/13/75

Drunk gets nine months in violin case

—LETHBRIDGE ALTA. HERALD 10/30/76

ficial' Soviet UFO study, debunked the recent Moscow-area UFOs of June 14, 1980 and May 15, 1981 (along the way, exposing the utter unreliability of Zigel (?) Azhazha (?) Bozhick (?) et al, and breaking Henry Gris's heart), uncovered the prosaic explanation behind the June 14, 1980 'cloud UFO' over South America, which baffled Hendry and CUFOS (along the way, also solving South American UFOs of Feb. 11, 1980 and Oct. 31, 1981), - and all this with one hand tied behind my back!

"The line forms over here, gentlemen: 'Nice work, Oberg'; 'Exemplary research, Jim'; 'Should allow us to avoid wasting our time on detours, Captain J.'; motto of your choice in this space. Come on, ufologers - you always boast that you are willing to accept good, well-documented skeptical work. Well, put your thank-you notes where your mouths are!

"Note: FATE is publishing an account of my solution to the June 14, 1980 Russo-Argentine UFO, so I can overlook their book review column! And P.S: Since I conclude that anyone who publicly endorsed the 1979 'Gindilis (?) Report' on UFO statistics (the one now available from CUFOS, in violation of international copyright law) has actually been duped to assist in covering up Soviet military secrets, - I now solicit from 'Smear' non-subscribers any sort of fatuous endorsements by leading UFO personalities (whether they have personalities or not) of said phony report, a report I suggest may come to be known as the 'Piltdown Hoax of Ufology'. My address remains: Rt. 2, Box 350, Dickinson, Texas 77539."

FLOYD MURRAY kindly writes:

"....Aside from a very occasional phone call to or from Gene Steinberg, my only active connection with the UFO field anymore is your newsletter, which is like a small gold mine to me each time I see it. If part of your reason for publishing it is as a service to keep isolated, semi-retired researchers in the hinterlands abreast of what is going on in the field, then you have succeeded admirably. Believe me, it's nice to know someone is still thinking of us. I think that, for the most part, those who have seemed to fade away like the cheshire cat still have an active interest but may be a little saddened, as I am, that there hasn't been any major UFO or Fortean activity for awhile, like a major flap, and that public interest certainly seems to be fading...."

"'Saucer Smear', unlike FATE, will always be worth the price. By continuing to send this paper out as a freebie you are giving a helluva service to those of us who have devoted our time to getting involved with this thankless enigma; by keeping the quality of it as high as you have, you're making a valuable contribution to UFO research in general. I still have every copy you ever sent. So in all sincerity I thank you, not only for myself but for all your readers. Without your humble efforts we'd all be a lot more in the dark than we already are...."

Fear permeates nation, alien says

28 • THE SUNDAY TRENTONIAN, MARCH 28, 1982

Crackdown on Dog-Eaters

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — President Ferdinand Marcos

Four men charged in mud thefts

From staff and wire reports

Oklahoma authorities say the arrests this week

ALLEN GREENFIELD of Atlanta sends the following poem. We should explain that the POC is the Permanent Organizing Committee, which is the governing body of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC).

My Debt to Ufology

(on the occasion of my removal from the POC)

When I was young I lived
 My life in dreams
 Of flying saucers, occult powers
 And perpetual motion machines.
 On the day that I turned twenty five
 I discovered that I was alive
 And life was a more amazing thing
 Than all my "flying object" dreams.
 But when I turned my eyes upon the world
 I found it caught up in a swirl -
 A patchwork quilt of empty schemes
 Of scams and lies and cries and screams.
 I turned my life away from toys
 (A little older than most boys)
 But instead of raising corporate flags
 I garbed myself in hippie drag.
 Alas, I was a bit too late -
 The counterculture met its fate,
 But I refused to integrate.
 I waged outlaw war upon the state.
 And now I think, as I look back
 That dreaming dreams is not our lack.
 Waking up is hard to do
 While the System runs you through.
 And maybe believing in "ether ships"
 Helped me not to buy their trips.
 Perhaps I disbelieved their lies
 Because of phantoms in the skies.
 I no longer waste my time
 With a world in chains, that'd be a crime.
 But please don't think that I don't know
 What started me thinking, so long ago.

The formal transfer of judicial and law enforcement powers means the U.S. special police force in the Canal Zone will be disbanded and Panamanian police and courts will now arrest and try all U.S. and Panamanian residents of the zone.

San Francisco Chronicle 4/2/82

TOMMY ROY BLANN tantalizes us with the following missive:

".....I am not and never have been a 'follower' of Vallee or Spaulding, since they were not the first to suggest the secret government device (theory). Have you forgotten the conversations you had in the early years with Leon Davidson? These two men have definitely stumbled upon the 'tip of the iceberg', but I have been secretly below the surface of the water checking out the rest of it. This is one reason why I have maintained a low profile over the past few years in my investigations.

"I see little hope for the Ufological community in exposing the secret of the disc when competing with the vast intelligence community with its highly sophisticated network and technological horrors. The Ufologist is like an innocent child playing with a deadly rattlesnake.

"For those who pooh-pooh the early development of the disc here on Earth, they have very little knowledge about the super politics on an international level and the operations of the intelligence community. Everything to them is a simple A, B, C solution, and Ufology is merely a part-time hobby. They have not yet stepped over the boundary where the hobby becomes a dangerous obsession for the truth, and science-fiction becomes a nightmarish reality. And for those who do, forever silent they must remain in knowing part of the truth. The irony is - there is nothing they can do about it. Think about this, Jim."

STEVE KURZWEIL, M.D., writes:

"Let's cut all this Bigfoot shit and get to the real problem in ufology today, viz., What do we do with all the crashed saucers? It has come to my attention that there are now so many crashed saucers laying around the Air Force bases that there is simply NO MORE ROOM FOR OUR OWN PLANES! This cannot be allowed! Please take a crashed saucer into your home and help restore normal operation at our military bases!

"Anyway, I have decided that the only way to discover the TRUTH is to speak directly to the extraterrestrials. If any of these 4-foot humanoids are reading this, I am very serious about getting together for a few beers and meeting face to face, to get your side of the story!"

JIM RIGBERG, long-time seller of saucer & occult books, writes:

"Keep up the good work. Re 'Rumors of Death of Moseley Persist' (back page of April 1st 'Saucer Smear') - you'll still be laughing at the jerks!"

Not necessarily. Maybe the jerks will be laughing at me! - Editor.

GARY BUEIL beguiles us with:

"I am in a dilemma. I can think of nothing cheerful and positive to say and there is nothing in the current 'Smear' on which I care to comment. However, I did see the 'X' after my name, and hence this letter - my response to your stimulus, like a rat pressing a letter for food. Mechanical letter writing behavior, prompted by your newsletter publishing behavior, all so that you can receive mail and your miserable little life will be less empty. If I do not receive the next issue on non-schedule, I will have to ask my lawyer to send a positive, cheerful letter to massage your ego, as he is a much nicer person than I am.

"In recognition of your existence,
Gary"

Non-smoker stabs her 'in self-defense'

SAN FRANCISCO — A graduate psychology student at San Francisco State University accused of stabbing another student who refused to put out her cigaret in an elevator says he acted in self-defense.

"She attacked me and forced me to defend myself," said Richard Moss, 38. "She thought she had a right to pollute my air."

Doris Collum, 26, was released from San Francisco General Hospital Saturday after treatment for a stab wound in the chest.

"I mean"

bly good," said Moss.

Moss, who claims to be allergic to pollen and sensitive to cigaret smoke, noted that it is illegal to smoke cigarets in elevators.

Miss Collum "start screaming at me" v

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