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James W. Moseley

NEWS BRIEFIES:

Latest hoax item to reach our Headquarters from Ammatucci Federici" (he misspells his own name this time!) is a sympathy card addressed to "the survivors of James Moseley". Childish nonsense, already!....For all the many, many fans of MARCEN's "Doc" McIntyre, his latest address appears to be: P.O. Box 316, Riderwood, Md. 21139. Drop him a line and ask him how work is progressing on the next (after 2½ years!) issue of the MARCEN Bulletin!....We recently received a nice letter from Doris Van Tassel, widow of the controversial contactee. We can't answer it, however, as we have lost the lady's address. Can any of our non-subscribers help out?? RSVP.....A new British book worth obtaining is "George Adamski - The Untold Story", said by the authors to be the first objective look at the late contactee. Said authors are Lou Zinsstag and Timothy Good, the latter of whom went to the expense of phoning us from England about our special Adamski Expose Issue of SAUCER NEWS, written many years ago.... Your editor made one of his increasingly infrequent appearances on the Candy Jones radio show in New York City on the night-morning of Sept. 5th-6th. This time the "real" guests were a dream therapist named Elizabeth Caspari and a psychic named Nancy Fuchs (careful with the spelling!) Ms. Fuchs claims to have a child with an I.Q. of over 200 and to be able to communicate psychically with animals. Fun show!....Our thanks to non-subscriber Tom Lind for sending along a copy of "The Catalogue of UFO Periodicals", a massive 280-page tome representing much work by the author and Heavy Bucks from those not lucky enough to receive it free, as we did. Lind can be reached at P.O. Box 711, Hobe Sound, Fla. 33455.....

MISC. RAVINGS:

Sex & Saucers (again!): Another example of the mysterious link between human sexuality and the UFO field, occurred in regard to a pornography exhibit recently held in New York City, called "SEXPO '82: The World's Fair of Erotica". Publicists for the affair were non-subscribers Harold Salkin and Mike Luckman, both of whom have made positive contributions to the UFO field over the years. But the most interesting UFO link was a new fact we learned - namely that Jeff Goodman, former editor of "Official UFO", is now a columnist for "Screw" Magazine, an openly pornographic zine distributed nation-wide but mainly in New York. In a column called "Screw You" in the Summer 1982 issue of "Screw", Goodman puts down women savagely, in a tongue-in-cheek way; and this column was used as the theme of an anti-porn demonstration held on the evening of Oct. 8th at the site of "SEXPO '82". The anti-porn demonstration, with placards denouncing Goodman's writings, was filmed by all the major New York TV channels, and later that same night the porn show itself was closed down by the city authorities, after 7 arrests. Your editor attended the exhibit briefly and witnessed the above-mentioned demonstration, for purely literary & artistic reasons....

The UFO field is agog (is that the word?) about an article by Bob Easley in the Sept. issue of Cleveland, Ohio's "UFO Journal", telling about a harmless diet book that has been banned from the U.S. mails recently, and about a new bill pending in Congress that would provide penalties against anyone who distributes, ships, or transports a banned book, etc. Anything "contrary to the weight of medical and scientific opinion" might be involved - i.e., all saucer research might be forced to grind to a halt! Details are available in Gray Barker's latest "Hot Flash Bulletin", which is devoted entirely to this and similar paranoia. Or you can write directly to Easley's source: "The Spotlight" (Vol. 8, No. 27), 300 Independence Ave., Washington, D.C. 20003....

On the night of Oct. 1st, our "Smear" Roving Contactee Reporter, Harold Salkin, attended a strange lecture at New York's Sheraton Hotel. For the outrageous sum of \$15 per head, a couple called Michael and Aurora El-Legion were telling a small audience (about 50 people in a hall seating 400) about a weird event scheduled for some time in the last week of October. Something like half a million highly evolved Earth people will be swooped up into a large fleet of spaceships, held for two weeks in outer space, and then brought back to earth, to act as leaders & teachers to prepare earthlings for a "second phase", when even MORE people will be swooped up; etc., etc. Your "Smear" editor, not being at all highly evolved, is in no danger....

PHOTO BELOW shows your humble "Smear" editor being playfully ejected by Three Men in Dark Suits from the MUFON-sponsored UFO "Unity" conference in Toronto this past summer. The photographer and smiling man at the left are not known. The man peering over your editor's head from behind is Dennis Stacy of MUFON, and the short man at the right is Allen Benz, who recently was un-playfully ejected from APRO. Famed ufologist Bill Moore is somehow connected with this photo too, but we don't have all the details....



Virgin Saint Pregnant

NUEVA JERUSALEM, Mexico (UPI) — An announcement that Nueva Jerusalem's virgin saint is pregnant sparked a brawl involving 2,000 town residents and at least 10 people were seriously injured, police said.

State police called into the town, 140 miles west of Mexico City, said Monday the weekend disturbance erupted when several residents charged that a 16-year-old girl, known as "the Hermit of Nueva Jerusalem," was guilty of the sin of fornication.

The girl, Maria de Jesus, had won fame throughout the region for her supposed vision of the town's patron saint, The Virgin of the Rosary. The local priest had revered her as a virgin saint.

One police officer said the priest was able to convince most residents that the girl had become pregnant through an act of "the divine spirit," but others "didn't believe in the miracle."

On the evening of Oct. 12th, Public Television (Channel 13 in New York) broadcast an hour-long UFO documentary which was billed in their press release as "a rigorous, scientific investigation of the fact, fiction and hoax of unidentified flying objects". Rigorous and scientific it may have been, but it was entirely unacceptable to hard-core ufologists in that the program was obviously biased in favor of finding non-startling explanations for every case. The many good sightings at Warminster (England) are dismissed because hoaxed photos of one case went undetected by local UFO investigators; Travis Walton is depicted as probably being a liar; the Val Johnson case is dismissed as due to a floating plasma in the atmosphere; the astronaut sightings are thoroughly panned; and the famous New Zealand UFO film is said to probably show the lights of fishing boats, etc. Among the "experts" interviewed are notorious non-subscribers Jim Oberg and Phil Klass - probably because the list of interviewees was drawn up from info supplied by Ken Frazier, editor of the even more notorious "Skeptical Inquirer". Dr. Hynek and MUFON czar Walt Andrus are up in arms over all this (as neither of them is even mentioned in the documentary!), and are issuing a joint statement panning the show. - Stay tuned!.....

Ufology Marches On: On the weekend of Oct. 16th, your editor journeyed once again to Cleveland, Ohio, to lecture for the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA), together with Bigfoot hunter Ron Schaffner and OUFOIL's Charles Wilhelm, both from the Cincinnati area. Schaffner gave a long but interesting slide lecture on Bigfoot cases his group has investigated during the past few years; but the high point of the conference was a private showing later that same evening of a "bootlegged" copy of an allegedly genuine Bigfoot film. Due to heroic efforts by ufologist Bill Johns, a defective projector was made to show us about 300 feet of Bigfoot cavorting about in a primitive section of California, back in the late 1950's. The movie was taken by a Bigfootist named Ray Wallace, and the black furry creature running around in this unique film is rumored to be Wallace's brother in an ape suit. In one unfortunate scene, a white human hand can clearly be seen coming out of the sleeve of the costume!

Interesting, too, was the update your editor received on the complex feuds going on in the Bigfoot field - involving Wilhelm, Schaffner, Peters, Pilichis, McIntyre, Beckjord, and several others. The award for the Most Persistent Neurotic goes, hands-down, to Dennis Pilichis, who is feuding with nearly everyone. "Smear" fans will remember him as the gentleman who investigated the Rome, Ohio Bigfoot case in the summer of 1981, and who ever since has jealously prevented anyone from interviewing the witnesses without his permission.

At the public session, your "Smear" editor was presented, for the second time in recent years, with a trophy naming him as "Ufologist of the Year". The award was presented by Bob Easley, representing the National UFO Conference (NUFOC). At a ufological dinner afterwards, your editor was seated next to the beautiful & seductive Donna Manak. Others present included (unfortunately!) her husband Al; Ted Sauppe, local chairman of UAPA; Rick & Carol Hilberg; Easley; Schaffner & Wilhelm; and Mike Szpatura of Cleveland radio, who had acted as Master of Ceremonies at the public session.

In all, a pleasant weekend, and our thanks to all concerned. We only wish that a quick end would come to the prolonged lull in sightings - of UFOs, Bigfoot, or anything else!.....

PRESS-TIME TID-BITS:

Your editor expects to attend a contactee-oriented UFO convention in Reno, Nevada, this coming Nov. 13th & 14th. Among the vast horde of speakers will be a few whose names should be familiar to "Smear" readers: Major Wayne Aho; Col. Wendelle Stevens; Tim Beckley ("Mr. UFO"); Bob

Short; and Hal Wilcox. The one we don't want to miss is Dr. Fredrick Bell, billed as a NASA spacecraft checkout engineer "who says he frequently converses with a slender and petite spacewoman from another universe known as Samjase". Does Jim Oberg know about this???....After some strange problems with the mails, we have received (& are duly grateful for) a free copy of Len Stringfield's "Status Report III", concerning the crashed disc syndrome. We haven't had time to read it yet, but the author's handwritten notation on the first page probably tells the story more concisely than any review: "To Jim Moseley; New sources, new data; Still no proof. Thus, no conclusions. Best regards, Len Stringfield. Oct. 11th, 1982". Many thanks, Len. - This soft-cover book is available for \$11.00 from: 4412 Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45227....We have a fascinating (but long) letter from non-subscriber Tom Burch regarding the fact that contactee Donn Shallcross, whose close encounter was fully reported in a recent issue of "Smear", is now pushing the thoroughly discredited "Tomato Man" photos which purport to show a dead & badly burned alien saucer pilot. According to Burch, Shallcross snowed a Washington, D.C. disc jockey named Scott Woodside (WRQX-FM) with these photos, until Burch himself went to the radio station to set the matter straight. Shallcross is also reportedly signaling UFOs on a regular basis from his home in rural West Virginia. He has strung Christmas tree lights all around his trailer home and flashes the lights on & off when UFOs approach. According to Shallcross' testimony on WPQX-FM, the UFOs are flashing back at him in response!....

And finally, William Steinman (15043 Rosalita Drive, La Mirada, Ca. 90638) seeks correspondence with anyone seriously interested in solving the crashed saucer mystery, "through untiring research and investigation". Good luck, William!....

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

RICHARD HENRY, a professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University, writes as follows:

"To forestall the dread 'X', I write. You really do fill a function, dreadful as the rag is! It's a meeting-ground, and a good-humored one at that. I loved your 'world's worst UFO debunker', as well as your 'world's worst prophet', Jean Dixon (all those klutzes that think we're dumb, for being interested in UFOs). I think Oberg is smart for his put-up or shut-up offer. I'd write to him, except that I've never heard of the Gordon Cooper UFO stories.

"The people who get uptight (about your zine) should relax. Life, and UFOs, are too much fun to take it all too seriously...."

CHARLES WILHELM of OUFOIL writes as follows:

"....The new address for Williard McIntyre and MARCEN is: P.O. Box 316, Riderwood, Md. 21139....You should print this address in case some of his members want to contact him!

"One other comment, regarding Zechel: He seemed to be upset when you listed him as a suspect in the sending of those hoax letters to you. Boy, he's got a lot of nerve! How about all the false information that he's been giving out all these years concerning crashed saucers? Stringfield's first abstract came from Zechel, and we totally proved it to be inaccurate. What does Zechel say about the false information he's been passing around? If he didn't make up the information, then it's very evident that he's no investigator at all!...."

LARRY PETERS, who claims to have taken over MARCEN from McIntyre, writes as follows:

"As I read 'Saucer Smear', it becomes apparent that a struggle exists between various factions of ufology in this country. What is comical to me is that very few of these people ever mention spending any time in the field at all. It seems they have this habit of taking other peoples' material and spending a lot of time tearing it down. It appears you may have one field investigator for every twenty critics, and this is obnoxious!

"When we spoke on the phone, you were advised that there was a strange phenomenon going on here at Baltimore, Maryland. One of the situations has now been solved. The mysterious lights in the woods turned out to be a new development in an area foreign to us, and it took seven men, marching through the woods at midnight, to disprove it. I was disappointed, but I am satisfied that there are no aliens in that area.

"We still have the Sykesville Monster to deal with, and he remains in the area. I have a new tracking device, and if you are game when you come down, I will take you for a long walk in the woods at midnight to see if we can get him moving. Nothing can be promised on this or any other venture, but it beats wondering about it.

"Also while you are here, consider 'Chessie' as one of your endeavors...."

Editor's Note: In a more recent phone conversation, Larry clarified his solution to the mystery of the "red-eyed" creatures described above. In reality, the lights were from a new housing development as seen through the woods. The most prominent light - a stationary white one - turned out to be a street light.

JEROME CLARK of FATE Magazine writes:

"In his letter in last month's 'Smear', Jim Oberg misrepresents a remark I made in my review (in the August FATE) of his recent UFO book. Oberg asserts that I helped 'Believers evade loss of face by claiming "we never really believed those (bogus astronaut) cases anyway."' Of course I said no such thing.

"In fact, I said (see p. 100) that Oberg's point about some ufologists' careless acceptance of these tall tales 'is a valid criticism' - one of the few valid criticisms he makes in an otherwise spectacularly misguided book. I then went on to point out, quite accurately, that 'these reports hardly loomed as large in the serious case for UFOs as Oberg would have the unsuspecting think.' (Most of the published accounts Oberg cites are from 'National Enquirer' and other fringe publications which, if they did not exist, debunkers would have to invent.) I noted also that serious ufologists had overwhelmingly endorsed his work - an inconvenient fact he predictably fails to acknowledge because it doesn't serve his propagandist's purposes."

DAVE SCHROTH hits us with:

"For the distinguished 'Worst Grammar by a UFO Investigator' Award, I wish to nominate 'para-Ufologist' Jerome Clark. Although competition in this category is intense, I believe we must consider Jerry to be among the top contenders. Here is why:

"In 'Saucer Smear' of 2/10/81, p. 7, Clark accused 'quasiliterate'

Mosley out of jail after name cleared

Clare Luce sees aliens as threat

United Press International

NEW YORK — Clare Boothe Luce, former U.S. ambassador to Italy and widow of the founder of *Time* and *Life* magazines, says America faces a greater threat from invading aliens than from the atomic bomb.

UFO writers of misusing certain words as a result of sleeping through their English classes. But it seems that Clark himself dozed off during a few lessons: In 'Saucer Smear' of 10/10/81, p. 7, he used the expression 'factual errors', which is itself an error (i.e., a contradiction). He also wrote about 'honest mistakes', which is itself a mistake (i.e., a redundancy). Or do you think, Jerry, that it is possible to be 'dishonestly mistaken'? If so, I challenge you to name one English professor who agrees with you.

"In addition to these absurdities, Clark's books and articles abound with words like 'paraphysical' and 'collective unconscious' and 'manipulation of time and space'. Does he think such neologisms actually mean anything in the real world of experience? If so, no wonder he finds the UFO mystery so puzzling. Clark and his fellow 'para-Ufologists' love to use pretentious words and phrases like these because they create the impression of deep thought. In reality, they conceal its absence."

DENNIS STACY of MUFON delights us with:

"Verily, am I moved by Oberg's last communique (in your Sept. 5th issue), in which the Good Skeptic invites ufologists to declare their beliefs in the Gordon Cooper sighting prior to his solving of same. Why it should stop there, however, befuddles me; so after some serious thought, I have come up instead with the Ufologist's Creed, and the hope that the skeptics will respond in kind in due time. Forthwith, then:

The Ufologist's Creed

I believe in the Sighting of the Nine by Arnold;
The Abduction of Antonio Villas Boas, Betty & Barney Hill;
The Roswell, Philadelphia, and Exeter Incidents.
I believe in Landing Trace Cases and Confirmation by Radar;
In MUFON, CUFOS, UMMO, and the Infallibility of GSW;
In the Sanctity of Hynek and Keyhoe; the Transgressions of
Scully and Lord Glencarty, and the Corporality of Bigfoot,
Little Green Men, Animal Mutilators and Mothman.

Verily, do I put my Trust in the Freedom of Information Act
And Subscribe to the Conspiracy of CIA, FBI, NSA,
The Joint Chiefs of Staff and Project Blue Book.

I eschew the Condon Report.

Yea, though I walk with Vallee, I believe in Keel, Bearden,
Moore and Friedman.

I believe in the Astronaut Sightings, that the World stood
Still at Fatima, in the Overcoming of Gravity and the
Final Ascension.

Amen!

Here's How You Can Lick Doberman's Leg Sores

Reading (Pa.) Eagle 5/23/82

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge

Milford (Conn.) Citizen 7/12/82

Reagan Visits Harassed Blacks

San Francisco Chronicle 5/4/82

Lower Age for Elderly Opposed

The Hour (Norwalk, Conn.) 6/25/82

Reagan raps need to prove sanity

The Oregonian 7/2/82

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the Year ★

Not enough adjectives
to describe Moseley

The highly esteemed MARTIN KOTTMEYER, our rabbit expert, writes:

"My lepuology project is progressing by leaps and bounds! I learned lately that Mrs. Trent was feeding rabbits when she saw the UFO caught in the classic McMinnville photos. I was also rather surprised in reading 'Basin & Range', John McPhee's epical geology tract, to find the author recounting a UFO sighting which is preceded by dancing jack-rabbits. I'm getting used to all this on some level of thought, but I can't shake an uncanny feeling when I see things like the rabbit in the opening moments of 'E.T.' or, gadzooks, Floppy the rabbit pointing to a flying saucer in Casper the Friendly Ghost's 'Laughquakes'. It is all perfectly ordinary material, yet somehow it still seems marvelous to me that one can find so many references to rabbits wherever UFOs are around"

Researcher BARRY GREENWOOD writes:

"....I have a great revelation to make: It seems that the Rudi Nagora UFO photos of May 23rd 1971 from Austria are a hoax! The news out of Europe is that the 'UFO' is a thrown frisbee-type model. Not that the exposure of yet another phony UFO picture is great news. The thing that makes this interesting is the fact that the Nagora photos are listed on Ground Saucer Watch's photo list as 'bona fide' after computer analysis!

"Of course, we never believed in those photos anyway!"

Editor's Note: In spite of having found acute personality problems in GSW's Bill Spaulding, we have continued to believe (seriously!) that his highly respected computer analysis technique could infallibly catch a UFO hoax photo, (as facetiously implied in Dennis Stacy's "Ufologist's Creed", above.) Now we're left with one less Ufological Truth to believe in!

Bigfoot hunter JON BECKJORD, whose opinions appear in such highly respected journals as the National Examiner, writes:

"This note is to announce the formation of the new National Cryptozoological Society, which shall be open to all monster hunters of any persuasion - be they biological origins theorists or advocates of paranormal origins for unknown animals - such as Bigfoot, Nessie, phantom panthers, out-of-place kangaroos, or various UFO occupants.

"Annual dues shall be \$9.98 instead of the \$25 asked for by a competing organization, and members will receive issues of 'Monster Hunt News', our newsletter. One of our first projects will be to point out that while the Loch Ness Monsters look like pliososaurs, and have been seen breathing by witnesses, all Loch Ness experts say they rarely surface at all. Do they breathe in 3½-D???"

Researcher BLAINE HAMRICK writes as follows:

"Just a short letter to clear up the case of the supposed disappearance of General Westmoreland. My information was obtained from the latest issue of the Executive Intelligence Report, published by former Democratic presidential nominee LaRouche. The article states that Fort Bliss (El Paso, Texas) was placed on top status red alert for about 40 minutes due to a report that 'extraterrestrials' had kidnapped the General. They finally contacted the General, who was perplexed, and that ended the problem. Sorry to so abruptly terminate such an interesting case. What is really interesting to me is the fact that the base would go to full status red alert on a report of an extraterrestrial kidnapping. I suppose they take the possibility of this actually happening as real!...."

Ancestors of Civil War vets meet annually



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Eastern Michigan University

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Sept. 7, 1982

Dear Supreme Commander Moseley:

In reply to Dr. Posner: Definitions are arbitrary and must be judged by their usefulness and common usage. I believe my definition of a UFO to mean a literally "unidentified" phenomenon fits the usage of those like Hendry and Hynek and allows for the existence of agnosticism towards what a UFO is, whereas Dr. Posner's definition forces agnostics to be treated as "believers." My definition does not "eliminate ET spacecraft from the category" so long as ETH is in fact treated as an hypothesis and not as an accepted (believed in) explanation. Dr. Posner's remarkable black-and-white view of matters forces polarizations where they really do not empirically exist. This sort of authoritarian with-us or against-us world view is deplorable when held by either proponents or critics of UFOlogy. Posner's definition does indeed allow us to speak of "believers" and "skeptics," but it makes terribly unclear what his "etc." category may consist of; whereas my definition clearly allows room for those of us in the middle. Similarly, Posner's dogmatism is revealed in his statement that any real skeptic should be proud to be among the debunkers. As a matter of fact, I am pleased to be among debunkers when they truly have the evidence and argument to legitimately discredit any of the bunk (and there is a great deal) out there. But the very issue between us is the legitimacy of all of the alleged debunking. Just as positive claims must be proved, so must negative (debunking) claims. Just because Klass and others may claim to have discredited all significant UFO reports does not make it so -- as Hendry and many others who are agnostic, as I am, have pointed out. Dr. Posner simply does not seem to be willing to direct his skepticism towards irresponsible debunkers as well as irresponsible proponents.

In reply to Phil Klass: How unfortunately typical of Phil to suggest guilt by association by raising the fact that in the 19th century the Flat Earthers also used the term "zetetic" to describe themselves. Overlooking the dictionary meaning of the term, the 2000+ years of the terms use in describing the Greek followers of the skeptic Pyrrho, and Phil's knowledge that I have never in any way been allied with the Flat Earthers, he drags in this red herring. It is rather like denouncing Norman Thomas because he was a socialist and the term the Nazis used to describe their movement was National Socialism. Surely everyone must by now see through such silly ploys, and I hope Klass's fellow debunkers might ask him to stop using such disreputable tactics. (I might add, by the way, that the Flat Earthers who used the term "zetetic" did indeed mean to characterize themselves as "skeptics" towards the dominant round earth viewpoint, as I am confident R.J. Schadewald should be able to confirm for Phil.)

A final (I hope) word: It should be obvious that a true science of UFOlogy should house all parties attempting a scientific research program into understanding what UFOs might be. Thus, to the degree that they espouse scientific method, Klass, Posner and others should eventually be glad to call themselves Ufologists just as can believers and agnostics. You can deny the existence of quarks and remain a physicist just as you can deny phlogiston and remain a chemist. A scientific outlook requires the chips to fall where they may in finally determining the reality or illusion of the variables under study. What we need is responsible science, not polarization.

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cc.: Posner

Sincerely,

Marcello Truzzi
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