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MISC. RAVINGS:

Famed researcher Kal K. Korff writes us that the topic of his lecture at our forthcoming National UFO Conference (NUFOC) convention in Tucson will be "The UFO Phenomenon". Korff is the author of two books, "The Billy Meier Hoax" and "The UFO Dictionary". Other lecturers include Hal Starr of Phoenix and Rick Hilberg of Cleveland. As previously stated, your humble "Smear" editor will act as Master of Ceremonies. This glorious conference will take place on the weekend of May 14th (not so far away!), and we hope to see a lot of our loyal non-subscribers out there. For details write to the local chairman of the event: Ed Biebel, 1612 Charolais Way, Kino Springs, Arizona 85621....

Mary Robinson, widow of UFO researcher Jack Robinson, has been seeing a series of weird entities and creatures among the trees & telephone poles near her Jersey City, N.J. apartment. Apparently these are 4-D apparitions of various kinds, as none of her friends have been able to see what she sees! Latest to appear is Mothman, seen flapping his wings several nights in a row, apparently sucking power from the electric lines. As you well may know, Mothman is a giant bird-like creature usually living in West Virginia and thereabouts. We at "Smear" theorize that because of the Reagan-induced recession, Mothman has migrated to the New York City area to try to get on welfare....

Somehow the above item reminds us that on the evening of Jan. 13th, your editor made a triumphal return to the Candy Jones radio show, on WMCA in New York. Featured guest was Marc Brinkerhoff, discussing "nature spirits" that he sees in his own apartment and elsewhere. Marc is a nice person, a very talented artist, and quite sane except for his unique ability to see "nature spirits" and such. Also on the program was author Walter Wager....

On the evening of Feb. 8th we watched with interest the NBC-TV special "Magic or Miracle", starring James ("The Amazing") Randi versus famed psychic Uri Geller. We thought that the show, unlike the recent NOVA effort on UFOs, was highly entertaining and reasonably objective. It presented the subject so well that almost anyone watching would become interested in the psychic, even if he had not been so before!

Naturally, there was material to rattle the very souls of the Believers. Randi had set up two young men to cheat their way through a 4-year series of psychic experiments conducted by something called the McDonald Laboratory for Psychical Research. Even though the evidence of their cheating was quite evident, the psychic researchers, including Dr. Berthold Schwarz, refused to accept it, due to their conscious or subconscious "Will to Believe". Schwarz must now be embarrassed as hell by his own newly-published pamphlet (sent to us by non-subscriber August C. Roberts) in which the author details his favorable view of the young men's psychic performances. Augie Roberts' opinion of the two cheaters is, understandably, unprintable - as he worked with Schwarz as a photographer on the project, and strongly believes that the "expose" on TV does not ex-

plain everything strange that happened.

The NBC-TV special goes on into spoon bending, which is Uri Geller's most famous psychic or "psychic" manifestation. (At no time do Randi and Geller appear together on the program, though they are interviewed alternately in such a way that it almost seems they are together.) Geller states, quite correctly in our opinion, that "psychic power does not want to be proven in laboratories". Of course, this is a convenient "cop-out" in case there simply is no such thing as psychic power. We have always felt that neither Randi nor Geller have a corner on Truth. In our opinion, Geller cheats when he can, but does have certain mysterious powers at times. This explanation, of course, pleases no one!

The TV show goes on into Randi's adventures in Ceylon, in southeast Asia. There he witnessed fire walking, and admitted he didn't know how it's done. But in an interview with your editor, Randi claimed that he would have tried it himself, anyhow, had he not been under contract not to do so. Is this a "cop-out"? Somehow we'd have enjoyed seeing film of Randi hot-footing it over the burning coals together with the devotees!

Ufology is mentioned on the show only in passing, and the only example given is the infamous Billy Meier case, which most of us have long ago disavowed. Thus, serious UFO research is once again treated unfairly.

But on the whole it was a great show, and, in our opinion, a contribution to human enlightenment that NBC should be proud of. Our congratulations to both Randi and Geller....

We have received from veteran UFO buff Laura Mundo a free copy of her long-awaited book "The Mundo UFO Report", published by Vantage Press - presumably at her own expense. The book can be obtained from Vantage (516 W. 34th St., New York, N.Y.) for the price of \$9.95.

The front inside flap of the book informs us: "'The Mundo UFO Report' is an interesting document. It chronicles a series of events that only become intelligible when one enters the personal world of its author." This is no doubt true. Laura has been involved in the flying saucer movement since 1953, and in the 1950's sponsored Detroit lectures by George Adamski, Desmond Leslie, and even Major Keyhoe. In recent years her overriding concern has been the high level of sunspots, which she believes are having a very bad effect on this planet and its people. This assumption apparently relates to complicated atomic theories that Laura believes in, presumably from information supplied by the Space People. For Laura is a contactee of sorts, and has devoted her life to propounding contactee-oriented theories together with a genuinely humanistic feeling for Man-kind. She is also a stout defender of the late George Adamski and his theories. Though we have never quite understood what she is talking about, we have always felt that Laura means well and deserves a hearing. This book may well be her last attempt to put forth her views, as Laura has been seriously ill in recent years.

A (to us) amusing note is found in the foreword, regarding an earlier book by Laura Mundo, called "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan". Says she: "It was published by the Saucerian Publishers of West Virginia and Gray Barker, but unfortunately not properly proofread by Barker, but which Barker is still selling and gets the total profits and has raised the price several times." In truth, Barker found the book unintelligible and was unable to proofread it; but he should have shared the profits, if any. Perhaps his lack of generosity was influenced by the fact that Laura professes not to believe in the Money System. Make no mistake about it - Barker does!.....

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(it ain't healthy for humans, either!)

All Work, No Sex Kills Elephants

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

AMY DAVIDSON writes:

"My letter is in reference to something in your January 15th issue of 'Saucer Smear'. Though I had never seen the publication before this time, I was very shocked to read the statement by Prof. Hans J. Petermann regarding the UFO conference in Reno. He stated that he knows Wendelle Stevens in person. However, after reading this it was very obvious to me that he probably has never even met Wendelle.

"I have never known an investigator who checked out his facts more thoroughly or extensively than Wendelle. And regarding the Pleiades case, Wendelle spent many months living with the witness to that case, investigating his leads and collecting evidence. As for his 'reticulated ass and his undersea bubbles', those cases were also investigated extensively, as are all of his cases.

"So, Mr. Petermann (if that's your name), you should learn, and I quote, 'to check your facts thoroughly'".

KEN BEHRENDT informs us:

"....I noticed that poor ol' Wendelle Stevens really got a load dumped on him in this issue of 'Smear'. From my own experience with Wendelle I can only say that he strikes me as an individual who is very dedicated to ufology and, perhaps, when the annals of 20th century ufology are finally written, he will be perceived as one of the few who, through very expensive private publication efforts, helped keep interest in ufology alive during the present slump that it is in. Perhaps in his love of the subject he has promoted material that was beyond his limited resources to fully verify - but at least he has maintained an open mind and has made an impact. It is always easy for those who are involved in any subject to scoff at the efforts of others and point out their deficiencies. I would, however, like to hear their criticisms after they have been down the same arduous road!...."

The esteemed WALT ANDRUS, supreme czar of MUFON, writes us as follows:

"Greetings and a Happy New Year to you. I just received Vol. 30, No. 1 dated 1/15/83 of 'Saucer Smear', and I must concede that I get a real 'kick' out of your humorous treatment of the events and people in ufology circles - even when I am the brunt of people such as Jim Oberg in the prior issue. Of course, we appreciated having your personal evaluation of the 1982 MUFON UFO symposium in Toronto and the 1982 UFO summit meeting. We are proud of the professional manner in which we conduct our symposiums. (This is in direct contrast to the Reno, Nevada affair.)

"Will you give 'The MUFON UFO Journal' permission to publish Piet Hoebens' terrific cartoon of Phil Klass and Robert Sheaffer in Vol. 30, No. 1?....He is a fine cartoonist...."

Piet's cartoon in "Smear" has made an unexpectedly big hit with the Believers; quite a bit less so with the Skeptics, however! - Editor.

Our olde friend DR. THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes as follows:

"....I'll try to get to Tucson (Arizona), where I have friends at Kitt Peak National Observatory, as well as your glorious convention, but travel funds are hard to get!...."

"In answer to your TOP SECRET post card of Jan. 6th, I don't remember when I first heard of the Roswell N.M. case, where an 'aerial object' crashed in the desert in July, 1947. As the enclosed letter from Lee M. Graham indicates, the report of witness Jesse Marcel prompted the rumor

that the wreckage plus bodies of little green men were removed to Wright-Patterson AFB and deposited in the 'Blue Room' there. Big Jim Oberg claims that 'Blue Room' was only a code word like 'Blue Book'....Even Senator Barry Goldwater, who tried, could not find the 'Blue Room' at Wright-Patterson.

"Your 'Smear' non-subscribers may be interested in all this and hope (as I do) that Allen Hynek can settle the question of what 'Blue Room' concluded from the wreckage, if anything...."

Famed contactee BETTY HILL writes as follows:

"I am sending you two front page newspaper clippings of UFO sightings in our local area (in New Hampshire) for your reading pleasure, so you will know that UFOs are still with us. Based on the number of reports I am receiving, it seems apparent that sightings have tremendously increased in the last four months.

"If you wish, I will send you a newspaper clipping from Stockholm, Sweden. On Sept. 15th, 1982, a UFO flew over the palace of the King, where it hovered, was using all red lights, and was noiseless. The palace guard went on alert immediately, as they did not know if the King might be in any danger. This sighting received front page coverage and caused great excitement in Sweden.

"In the past month, I have received sighting reports from India, Russia, Germany, Hong Kong, Australia, as well as New England.

"So UFOs are still with us, in great numbers. They are being seen, but they are not being 'reported'. They are discussed with those whom the public trusts. It is unfortunate this situation has developed, for excellent information is not becoming known. However, as one New Hampshire police chief said, 'We do not need anyone who was not there to come here and try to tell us what he thinks we saw.'

"Incidentally, in the fifty years since the first known sighting of July 4th, 1932, we have never had any reports of any interplanetary rapes or mental communications, in New Hampshire. We are interested in just the FACTS.

"Now I must return to the eight sightings I have received in the last twelve hours. Have a good day."

And, ufologist TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

"Do not be alarmed, fellow ufologists and skeptics - there is still UFO activity taking place around the world, but the reason it isn't making the news is because everybody is too busy protecting their asses from the economic crunch. People have more down-to-earth things to worry about, rather than lights-in-the-sky.

"The UFOs are going to have to do something more drastic if they expect to compete with today's news stories, i.e., land on the White House lawn with a peace offering of jelly beans, abduct President Reagan while the State Department looks on, give Dr. Hynek a formula that works for the energy crisis (making sure that Coral and Walt are present), tell Phillip Klass he is wrong in person, or get President Reagan and Soviet leader Yuri Andropov together and convince them about nuclear disarmament."

Yes, that would do it! - Editor.

ELIZABETH PHILIP writes:

"I have gloomy news. 'Frontiers of Science' is going out of business. We just couldn't make it pay for itself - without recruiting slave labor and operating out of a closet.

"I'm sorry that we didn't get to publicize the NUFOC Convention (in Tucson, next May). But I hope it will be a success nonetheless.

"I've enjoyed our correspondence over the past few years....Thank you for having sent me 'Smear' so faithfully. I've enjoyed it."

JERRY CLARK of FATE Magazine hits us with:

"First I apologize to 'Smear' fans for subjecting them to yet another response to yet another Dave Schroth outburst. Please rest assured, gentle readers, that I find this as boring as you do. At least you don't have to waste time preparing replies to it.

"Those of you who did not doze off as Schroth commenced to rave will have noted that, true to form, the man has sought frantically to change the subject, ignoring once again my challenge to him to identify all those mainstream ufologists who he once implied (in 'Skeptical Inquirer') are enthusiastic supporters of contactee-bullshitter Billy Meier. Let us hope that at some point in the course of his next temper tantrum he will get around to addressing this issue. (Kal Korff tells me, incidentally, that his own poll of over 100 leading ufologists uncovered only one Meier supporter.)

"That aside, Schroth's letter (in the Jan. 15th 'Smear') rebuts a statement I never made, implied or even imagined. I have never denied I once associated myself with 'paraufology' (I even used the word as a chapter title in my first book); all I said was that I no longer do so, have not done so for several years, and have been openly critical of that approach, including my own published contributions to it.

"It seems bizarre that Schroth, who switched from fanatical true believer to fanatical true disbeliever, should demand to know how I could possibly change my mind about anything. Well, Dave, let me put it this way: I got older and wiser. In your case it appears you just got older."

RON SCHAFFNER of "Hominid Research Group" writes as follows:

"Enough is enough! It seems Jon Beckjord is always pushing the 3½D Theory in every issue of 'Smear': That is O.K. with me, but his latest provocation shows just how little he knows of investigative techniques. He is speculating on a subject that has not been proven yet, and a theory cannot be substantiated until we have that proof. Next time, the U.S. Forest Service should contact the FBI crime lab.

"Mr. Beckjord could have devised a more accurate soil compression test by simply using a metal rod, wooden blocks and weights. I would guess that he did not take into account that soil conditions can change within hours due to the weather.

"Mr. Beckjord must have little respect for his research or the scientific method, as his statements on weight estimates are inconclusive. If his calculations of one pound per cubic foot were valid, how does one explain the quick locomotion of these alleged creatures? A 12-foot Kodiak bear weighs 1500 pounds and is much broader than purported Sasquatch estimates....

"I suggest that Mr. Beckjord study the forensic sciences to familiarize himself with proper methods. At least he could watch 'Quincy' on Wednesday nights. Furthermore, he should investigate with objectivity and stop trying to center his biased theories on every case...."

Earthlings Sprout Martian Antennae

Mystery outhouse returns as Halloween pranksters strike again

For the 53rd Halloween in a row, pranksters have succeeded in placing a graffiti-covered outhouse in front of the Hallandale post office despite predictions by authorities that they would catch the culprits. Far, they've defied...

FRANK BRUCKMAN of Neshanic, N.J. writes:

"I have come to the conclusion that the difference between well-known Bigfoot (or UFO) investigators and obscure unknown dedicated slob investigators is the amount of bullshit produced! The higher it's piled, the taller they look....A point is reached where, to keep from toppling over, they shovel it down onto the heads of the common man and the obscure investigators. The hot-to-believers thrive on such crap. A 3,000 lb. Bigfoot, indeed!

"But then again - Bigfoot being heavy metal would explain the absence of droppings. Its shit must be minerals that naturally just disappear into the ground! Possibly the gold & silver lodes found in the earth were at one time the trails traveled by Bigfeet in ages past!"

CHARLES WILHELM of OUFOIL writes:

"Received your first glorious issue of 'Smear' for 1983. I must say it provided interesting and ludicrous statements, proving ufology is still stuck in gear.

"Dr. Page's comments about the 'Blue Room' were interesting. It's not a new rumor and will, along with the term 'Hangar 18', be proven to be imaginary terminology created by old ufology.

"Re Riley Crabb's statement about the U.S. Government's debunking propaganda, let him show us the hard evidence to back up his claims. Old ufology again.

"Re Prof. Petermann's comments on Wendelle Stevens' books: He's most likely correct, and OUFOIL can provide evidence to prove the Herrmann Case a hoax, which Stevens wrote about.

"Re Jon Beckjord's way of measuring ground resistance: It has to rank high in stupidity, along with the ludicrous remarks made by Hynek concerning the 'Gindilis Report' and the most recent recommendation by the political leader of ufology, Walt Andrus, for all his followers to read Denis Pilichis' 'Night Siege'. (Sic)"

What the hell is the "Gindilis Report"? - Editor.

Big Bigfooter JON BECKJORD slashes back at his critics with:

"Anticipating a storm of controversy over my weight test procedures on the Walla Walla Bigfoot tracks, I wish to offer the following modification of procedure to be used in the future, to try to obtain even more accurate results. My suggestion for investigators to try is that a large drum, such as the type used to roll flat lawns, ought to be obtained, and a series of curved-sole Bigfoot 'feet' be made of various sizes - 13", 14", 15", 16", etc. that can be interchanged in set holes on the drum. Then, say we discover fresh, very fresh, Bigfoot tracks of say 14". We ship the drum to the spot at God-knows-whose cost, and set it up on a rig that goes under a truck of known weight. The truck then rolls or is rolled, wheels up at one end, and all pressure goes on the rolling, moving drum, which would be a very narrow and thin one, perhaps more of a wheel than a drum. Each pre-made footprint mold would then strike the ground heel first, then the pressure would push the sole in, then the ball of the foot in, then the toes, as a normal footprint would. Then, voila, we have a more accurate means of creating our comparison footprint impressions. Next problem: the momentum question. Any answers from out there? Write to: J. Erik Beckjord, Box 31990, Seattle, Wa. 98103.

"P.S: We all know, of course, that the skeptics will now think all BF tracks are made by a 2,000 pound man, riding a 1,000 pound unicycle that has steel Bigfoot foot molds welded to the wheel. Right?"

We don't understand the question, let alone the answer! - Editor.

MICHAEL DENNETT of far-off Washington State writes:

"The Seattle metro area was privileged this past week to have in our midst veteran UFO promoter Timothy Beckley. Together with Wayne Aho, he appeared on local television and gave a public lecture. I was fortunate in being able to attend the evening lecture. Mr. Beckley revealed his strong basis of scientific training by informing us that the planet Venus is 'many thousands of miles away'. He made this statement in conjunction with his attack on skeptics for ascribing some UFO sightings to the veiled planet.

"Tim Beckley told the audience that a UFO base under Lake Ontario has been discovered. This statement was followed by photos of the saucers coming to and departing from their 'secret' base. Perhaps slightly more surprising was Tim Beckley's solid endorsement of Billy Meier. He then showed one of Meier's photos without any objection from Wayne Aho. Beckley said that skeptics of Meier have failed to look into the real facts. (Jerry Clark, I hope you are reading this!) Beckley finished with several blurry and really hoked-up photos of flying saucers complete with port-holes.

"Mr. Beckley also recounted some of the important UFO-related news items of the past. Example: Astronaut Gordon Cooper announces to the press that 'NASA members have met with members of another planet'.

"Mr. Beckley also speculated a bit, saying that the 'Bermuda Triangle' is probably the point of a 'time warp'.

"Both Mr. Aho and Mr. Beckley confirmed the existence of telepathy as well as other forms of ESP. Despite the amazing revelations of Tim Beckley, I felt that Wayne Aho made the most extraordinary statement: Quite simply, Mr. Aho told us that he believes he is not from this Earth!"

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And now for a brief summary of the other books, etc. that have come to our attention recently. We've already mentioned Berthold Schwarz' unfortunate pamphlet, which is called "Taming the Poltergeist". Perhaps it might better have been called "Taming the Investigators".

From England our free review copy of "George Adamski - the Untold Story" has finally arrived, co-authored by Lou Zinsstag & Timothy Good. It turns out, just as we suspected, that the book is very pro-Adamski. In spite of his famous George Adamski Expose of many years ago, your editor is mentioned only twice in the book's index. What more can we say??

Then there is Len Stringfield's "Status Update No. 3 on the UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome", now being sold by Larry Bryant of 2904 South 13th Road, #2; Arlington, Va. 22204. Stringfield's Opus Three is a painstaking job of research, but unfortunately as he himself admits, it proves nothing (just like #1 and #2.)

And there is a new weird moon book, "Alien Bases on the Moon" by non-subscriber Fred Steckling. Worth ordering at \$10.95 from: GAF International, P.O. Box 1722, Vista, Ca. 92083.

Bill Moore is fighting the recession by selling a raft of UFO books & booklets written by himself and others with whom he is in league, such as Stan Friedman and Bruce Maccabee. Send for thrilling book list at: P.O. Box 1845, Prescott, Az. 86302.

Finally, cattle mutilation expert Tom Adams tells us about a long-awaited fictional film called "Endangered Species". Apparently the film is doing poorly at the box office, and may be hard to locate in your area or any area. But it's worth looking for, according to Tom.

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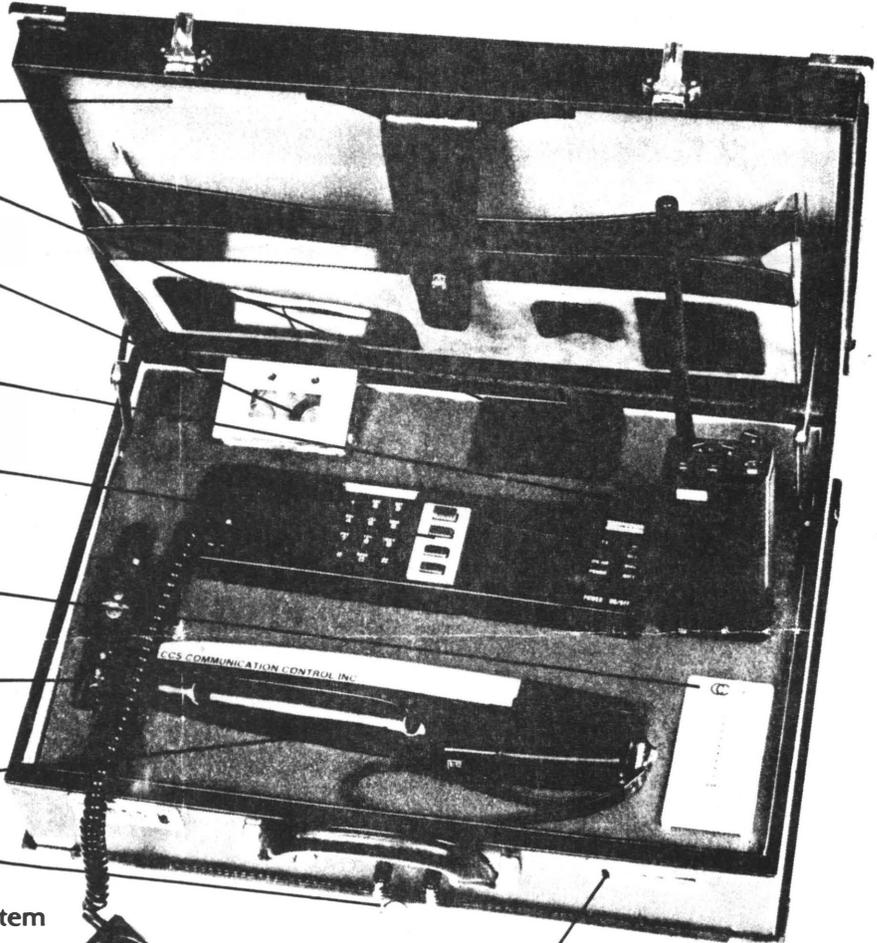
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