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TID-BITS OF TRASH:

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME since the last "Smear", as your editor has been off cavorting around the ufological universe and such things like that - as you will see further along in this issue, in our review of the recent Tucson NUFOC convention. From among the several conventions due to take place this summer, your editor's next in-the-flesh appearance will be at the SBI (Scientific Bureau of Investigation) bash, in Albany, New York on the weekend of August 13th. For details about this cosmic event, write to Pete Mazzola, P.O. Box 193, Staten Island, N.Y. 10312....

Recently (May 20th) a non-ufological but definitely mysterious newspaper article caught our eyeball. It seems that a Learjet supposedly with three people aboard crashed in the icy Atlantic Ocean south of Iceland. The weird part was that the plane was way off course, apparently flying itself until it finally ran out of fuel and plunged into the sea. British and Dutch fighter planes were sent up as the Learjet crossed their airspace, and flew alongside at various times. The pilots reported that there was no sign of anyone inside the doomed plane! Further, the three men who apparently were not inside, were all pilots themselves! Most strange, to say the least. The most reasonable theory advanced is that the three had passed out from lack of oxygen, and thus could not be seen from the outside of the plane. But we'll never know for sure....

Phil Klass, who has recently returned from a three week trip to China (yes, he does get around!) has soared to authordom again with a book called "UFOs: The Public Deceived". Who has deceived the public, you may ask? Is it journalists and ufologists who are at fault, or is it (shudder!) Klass himself?? We intend to actually read this book (or most of it anyway), and hope to have a thoughtful review for you in our next glorious issue. (Available from Prometheus Books, 700 E. Amherst Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14215).... Non-subscriber Dave Reissig has burst forth with another of his booklets, this one called "Starpoints - The Great Lost Truth". Available from him for one buck at: 402 Arthur St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13204.... Non-subscriber Stewart Robb, an expert on Nostradamus among other things, will have a new book out in August entitled "Nostradamus and the End of Evil".... Our friend Tom Benson has come out with the third giant issue (70 pages) of "The Sixth Quark Journal", a semi-scientific UFO magazine, with a scattering of weird cartoons and other goodies. Write to Tom at: P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606....

Through the efforts of non-subscriber Pam Tigrett of Scranton, Pa., your editor did a live interview on radio station WARM in early May. How a frigid place like Scranton could have a station called WARM is beyond us, but the interviewer, named Andy Thomas, seemed warm enough. Pam Tigrett, incidentally, was our loyal secretary at the old SAUCER NEWS office in New York City, many years ago.... Candy Jones of New York's WMCA has lost her last all-night weekly talk show (she was replaced by a sex therapist!), so your editor accepted an invitation to appear on the Alan Colmes

Show - 4 to 6 a.m. daily on WABC. Not exactly prime time, but we had the mike to ourselves except for the callers-in, who seemed unusually rational for that god-awful time of the morning. In fact, we ran into a few fans left over from the olde Long John days.... Betty Hill writes that she has recently appeared on the TV show "Lie Detector", run by famed lawyer F. Lee Bailey and others. Betty took the test at the taping, and signed papers allowing the show to be released no matter what the lie detector showed. Our spies have seen the program on the air, and tell us that she passed. Congratulations, Betty!!

RE-HASH OF TWENTIETH NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

The 20th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) is now history, having taken place as scheduled in Tucson, Arizona on the weekend of May 14th. Local chairman Ed Biebel, formerly of Cleveland, did an outstanding job of planning three days of interesting events for the assembled delegates - including a scenic dinner Thursday evening; a tour of Kitt Peak National Observatory Friday afternoon; a scenic dinner & skywatch Friday night; delegate sessions Saturday morning & afternoon (the so-called "closed sessions"); and a public session Saturday evening. There was also a press conference Friday morning, which was well attended by the local media, and a special delegate breakfast Saturday morning, sponsored by Allen Benz of the Foundation for UFO Research - a Tucson-based UFO organization.

About forty delegates attended the "closed sessions", which were held in one of the meeting rooms of Tucson's Plaza International Hotel. In our opinion the discussion that took place there was very likely the most profound & worthwhile of recent years, even though no formal resolutions were adopted. Every aspect of ufology, and the problems it faces due to public apathy, were discussed in frank detail. Not surprisingly, no over-all consensus could be reached, since the delegates represented many different approaches to the UFO problem, from scientific/conservative to contactee. But everyone present benefited from the exchange of views, and that was about all that could be expected.

The public session, held in a high school auditorium in an obscure part of Tucson, had a disappointing attendance in spite of considerable local radio, TV and newspaper publicity. (Exact attendance figures are Classified.) Your "Smear" editor acted as master of ceremonies, and presented our annual "Ufologist of the Year" award to researcher Hal Starr of Phoenix, who was our featured speaker this year.

Also, since this was our 20th annual meeting, we decided to present a "Ufologist of the Decade" award, which went to Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS, who in our collective opinion has done more than anyone else to make ufology viable and even respectable. Dr. Hynek was informed of the award by telephone several weeks ahead of time, and dictated a short but eloquent acceptance speech over the phone - the text of which has disappeared unmysteriously at the moment. In this lost text Hynek made gracious reference to the NUFOC and our long-time efforts in the field of ufology. Since Dr. Hynek could not attend the convention in person, his award, in the form of a plaque, was accepted by his friend and former co-worker Allen Hendry, who now lives in Tucson. UFO fans will recall that Hendry was formerly the chief investigator for CUFOS, and is the author of "The UFO Handbook".

The most impressive lecture of the evening was by Hal Starr, a veteran investigative reporter & newsman who, among other activities, runs an internationally syndicated UFO show from Phoenix. His theme was "The KGB, CIA, and UFOs - The Cosmic Watergate". Starr has that professional quality of delivery which is all too rare in UFO lectures, and his material was dramatic, whether or not one chooses to believe all of it. One of Starr's main themes was the somewhat mysterious deaths of Morris K. Jessup

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and James McDonald. He also discussed the strange interest that government agencies seem to have taken in his own ufological activities. As an example of this, he beguiled the audience by describing how he had found a "bug" in his room at the Plaza International that very day! And sure enough, your humble "Smear" editor was present earlier that day when the horrid "bug" was discovered. Just who planted it there and why remains one of those really deep mysteries of the Universe. But Starr's expert showmanship cannot be denied.

Another of the speakers at the public session was Kal K. Korff, a young man from California who has distinguished himself greatly in the UFO field by various papers & tracts, including a book which purports to be the definitive work exposing the pitfalls of Billy Meier and the Pleiades. Your editor was very favorably impressed by Korff's scientific bent, only slightly distorted by the excessive confidence of youth. Korff clashed briefly with pro-Pleiadean Wendelle Stevens during the question & answer period, when Korff showed a series of anti-Pleiadean slides. It is to the credit of both men that the confrontation was kept brief and within reasonable bounds.

Final speaker on the public program was none other than Timothy Green Beckley ("Mr. UFO"), who came all the way from New York City to give a well-rehearsed run-down of current contactee claims. With him on the podium was a charming young lady named Diane Tessman, from California, who told of her own experiences as a contactee.

Rick Hilberg, a co-founder of the NUFOC, had expected to fly in from Cleveland, Ohio, to give a lecture at the public session, but was unable to do so because of unforeseen business problems. Incidentally, Rick and the rest of the "Cleveland Faction" of the NUFOC will be sponsoring the glorious 21st annual convention, to be held the weekend after Labor Day next year.

It should be noted here, for those few who do not know, that Tucson is the headquarters of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), allegedly the oldest and certainly one of the most prestigious of the many American flying saucer research groups currently in existence. APRO is run by its founder, Coral Lorenzen, and her husband Jim. As has been noted repeatedly by such groups as MUFON, APRO refuses for their own reasons to cooperate with other UFO organizations. Thus, in spite of overtures to the Lorenzens months before the NUFOC Tucson convention was held, we received no official cooperation whatever from them! Whereas many of their local members attended our conference on their own, there was no word at all from the Lorenzens. One can only assume they resented the "invasion" of their "turf". At least they did nothing to mess us up, as far as we know, so at least we can be grateful for that!

To your editor, the fondest memories of the 1983 NUFOC are not from the speeches or even the "closed sessions" ravings, but from the new ufological friends that we made. To name but a few: Hal Starr, the showman supreme; Greg Cushing, a vague CIA-type fellow who good-naturedly haunted many of the private conversations (Did he plant Hal Starr's "bug"???); Allen Hendry; Ronald Story of UFO Encyclopedia fame; Wendelle Stevens; Allen Benz; Winfield S. Brownell & his wife, well-meaning New Age workers from California; Joanne Cusack of Kirlian photography fame; and many others, including and especially the unforgettable, inimitable J. Richard Greenwell of Tucson - a Cryptozoological delight, whose next expedition will be off into the wilds of the South Pacific, in search of an unmentionable (he asked us not to mention it) sea animal of legendary fame!

To sum up: Poor planning of the date and location of the public session was the only flaw in an otherwise well-done (as well as rare!) performance by local chairman Biebel, to whom the NUFOC and ufology in general owe a debt of thanks.

Prince Andrew takes Koo peasant hunting in Scotland

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

British researcher TIMOTHY GOOD writes (in part) as follows, in reply to a somewhat unfavorable review in our March 20th "Smear", regarding his current book about George Adamski:

"Your tendentious review of our book, 'George Adamski - The Untold Story' should not pass without comment, not least because it conveys the impression that the authors are a couple of credulous morons who chose to ignore any anti-Adamski material. This is far from true, as anyone who reads the book will verify.

"Let me begin with your 'Special Adamski Expose Issue' of SAUCER NEWS. You may recall our meeting in San Diego in 1979 when you promised to send me a copy of this, but it never arrived....Unable to procure this 'monumental work' from any source, I had to resort to using various quotations from it that I had read in books and journals, e.g. the statements from Sgt. Jerrold Baker and Alfred Bailey allegedly refuting their own original sworn testimony in support of certain Adamski claims....

"Regarding Richard Ogden's statement that his friend Dr. David Turner was one of the two scientists who accompanied Adamski on board one of the spaceships, I am inclined to agree with your conclusion that it is a fantasy. But the fact that Ogden has pronounced himself insane doesn't necessarily invalidate all his statements. I was unable to discuss the matter with Ogden on the phone, and his wife (?) proved to be extremely unco-operative. Nevertheless, I felt that Ogden's statement deserved a short footnote (in our book)....

"You say that 'G & Z provide endless circumstantial evidence in favor of the notorious R.E. Straith letter (U.S. State Dept.) to George Adamski being genuine. Better research on the authors' part might have led them to an entirely different conclusion...'...If you have any information that would discredit the letter, I'd be glad to have it. In my evaluation I point out that much of the evidence is circumstantial, but on balance there is more in favour of its being genuine. For example, Adamski's former associate, the aerospace engineer Mr. C.A. Honey, told us that after he had shown the Straith letter on Channel 11 TV in Los Angeles, both he and Adamski were visited the following day by representatives from the State Dept., FBI and CIA, all three of whom subsequently confirmed (though not in writing) that the Seal of State impressed in the letter was genuine, as was the stationery....

"You make no mention of the many chapters of new, hitherto unpublished material in the book (hence THE UNTOLD STORY title). Lou Zinsstag has written some important chapters on Adamski's two visits to Europe, which John Keel quite rightly points out were '...one of the most fascinating episodes in the history of ufology.' Of special significance is Adamski's trip to Rome in 1963 - accompanied by Lou and another co-worker - in order to have a private meeting with Pope John XXIII, just a few days before he (the Pope) died. In recognition of this meeting, Pope John awarded Adamski a gold medallion, which could not have been obtained elsewhere at the time, and which, according to Cardinal Hume, would not have been awarded unless for a very important purpose....

"As predicted, our book has outraged Adamski's supporters as much as his critics, which would hardly be the case if, as you maintain, the book is 'violently pro-Adamski'. Who knows - perhaps Ken Behrendt (and others) will reconsider their decision to steer clear of the book because of your review...."

Editor's Note: If we had thought for a moment that Good couldn't get our Adamski Expose from some other source, we would have been more conscientious about sending it to him. (Our apologies for that.) R. E. Straith never dies (if he ever lived!), but it's a convenient coincidence that

Pope John died so soon after his alleged meeting with Adamski. If the Pope actually did meet with Adamski, we feel confident in saying it's not the only mistake he ever made, nor the worst!

Famed contactee WAYNE AHO of the New Age Foundation writes as follows:

"Thank you for mailing the issues of Saucer News. I'd rather not label it 'Smear', as it is good for all of us to consider the basic good in each one, appeal to that, and hope for the best. I would suggest you seriously consider a change in name title. It could lead to greater contact range...."

Why, with all the data and material to work on, should people who say they are interested in UFOs seriously end up fighting and blasting each other? For what reason?? That is merely fulfilling the hope embodied in such thoughts as ridicule UFOs officially. This program, of course, has been carried out officially and still is. People have told me, even recently, of sightings and the Air Force attitude. It is ridicule...."

Having received this Enlightenment from Wayne, we are considering changing the title of our magazine to "New Age Smear". - Editor.

DON STRACHAN of "Light Times" fame writes as follows:

"Was that a super issue of 'Smear', or just a super bud I smoked before reading it? Captain Jim, your acerbicism is so gentle! And those newspaper clippings - I'm gonna steal a couple for 'Light Times'. You know, I'm not even in the saucer field; I read 'Smear' just for your voice (and John Keel's bluster, when he can get it up)."

TOM BURCH writes as follows:

"As an official nonsubscriber for over three years, I must say that I've found your unique newsletter service to be not only useful and informative, but a lot of fun to boot. In the past year alone, I've been exposed to the opinions of over 60 individuals in regard to UFO, paranormal and Bigfoot phenomena. 'Smear' has provided me with a personal ringside seat for the skeptical but frequently valid criticisms of Jim Oberg; the consistently arrogant diatribes of 'Dr.' Williard McIntyre; and the utterly unique ufological commentaries of John Keel, Prof. Hans Peterson, and many others. Where else could I be exposed to such intimate and frequently irreverent shop talk at such a fair purchase price?

"'Smear' informs and amuses. But more importantly, it serves as a equilibrant for those of us who start taking ourselves more seriously than we deserve.

"Keep kicking ass, Jim; If you don't, we all might start trying to talk to street lamps."

JUDITH STARCHILD writes:

"....I have decided to turn in my MUFON I.D. card. I've been tempted to do this before, but find it necessary now. MUFON strikes me as a phony hierarchy that knows nothing and gives little, while taking a lot. They use people like pawns in a self-serving game. When I was designing my course on UFO, I wrote to Walt Andrus requesting he contribute material toward the effort. His response was to give me a song and dance, accompanied by a list of items FOR SALE!

"Needless to add, back in the dawn of my acquaintance with them over

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the Shallcross case, they never offered to cover the expenses which made that report possible. I certainly didn't expect them to, but I must admit I was a little surprised that their invitation to join them was accompanied by a \$15 dues fee - rather off the wall in view of my contribution of an investigation that cost me about a hundred dollars to pursue and prepare!.....

"I realize that this letter will be met with extreme opposition by those who would (and always will) prefer to not think for themselves - which is fine, by the way. MUFON will feed them all the milk and cookies they want, for only 15 dollars a year and anything else you'll submit to them...."

Lucky Judith was invited to actually join MUFON, whereas your humble "Smear" editor cannot rise above the humiliating level of (sob!) "Contributing Subscriber", which, by the way, also costs \$15 per year! - Ed.

BLAINE HAMRICK writes:

"....Of all the organizations, MUFON is to be commended for keeping Ufology steered on a scientific course and away from the people to whom it is just a hobby. But, alas, they have made no progress to speak of, either.

"Tommy Blann is a MUFON Metroplex regular who has researched the subject for years. Unfortunately, a change has come over him recently. He speaks of government conspiracy, then does not speak at all for fear that something dreadful will happen. Does he 'know too much about UFOs'?? Perhaps he thinks he does, but I think not. The ones who 'know too much' don't tempt fellow Ufologists with a few choice tidbits and then clam up. They do not say anything at all.

"Consider Ray Stanford. There is no trace of his plush office, or for that matter of him, to be found in Austin, Texas. Was it a coincidence that just as soon as Ronald Reagan was elected and began his budget cuts, Ray Stanford and his impressive office disappeared a short time thereafter??....Stanford's mental health has been questioned, but I wonder - does a neurosis or psychosis absolutely prevent someone from making a significant discovery??....

"In many ways this letter sums up the research that I have done in Ufology for the past 10 years. The answers aren't quite crystal clear yet, so like all of us who are serious, I will keep on searching....

"Finally, I would like to request that you begin to have doubts about myself as well as about Jim Oberg. I'm one step ahead of him, in that my home telephone number ends in 000. And of course we do live in the same state!....."

As long-time "Smear" fans will remember, Ray Stanford is the gentleman who, in the presence of your editor & others, wrestled in the WMCA control room with the Candy Jones Show's producer, in a desperate effort to grab back the release form he had signed upon going on the show. - Editor.

MARY DAVIS of "The Hollow Hassle" writes:

"I had to write, as I have a phone number ending in '00', and I'm sure not a CIA agent! I was surprised to get such a number, though...."

It looks like we owe Big Jim Oberg an apology. Guess we were wrong about "00" and "000" phone numbers. - Editor.

Keel Tries New Direction

DAVE SCHROTH writes as follows:

"I offer the following comments on the 1952 UFO sighting by Capt. William Nash, whose name appeared recently in 'Saucer Smear'.

"First, there is a contradiction between those who describe the objects Capt. Nash observed as UFOs (meaning that they are not identified) and those who refer to them as alien spacecraft (which is a positive identification). Indeed, Capt. Nash and his co-pilot themselves asserted the latter claim in their Oct. 1952 TRUE article, 'We Flew Above Flying Saucers', in which they said they were 'certain' that the objects they saw were intelligently operated craft from somewhere other than Earth. If so, then they cannot properly be called 'UFOs'.

"Second, it has often been claimed that, whatever they were, those objects were also seen by seven witnesses on the ground. Ronald Story, Donald Keyhoe, Paris Flammonde, James McDonald, and NICAP all repeated this claim. But nobody has ever revealed the names of those ground observers or any details of what they are said to have seen. Hence, what remains 'unidentified' in this classic sighting are not the flying objects (Capt. Nash having identified them as spaceships from afar) but the ground observers.

"Capt. Nash and his co-pilot (since deceased) said they were told about the 'ground witnesses' by Air Force investigators. This suggests that Capt. Nash never actually met or talked to those witnesses. If not, then how do we know they ever existed? How come after thirty years the identities and testimony of those witnesses remain unpublished? How come Air Force files on this case contain no record of any reports from ground observers? (This, according to Donald Menzel's 'The World of Flying Saucers', page 258.) And how come Story, Keyhoe, et al chose to accept the unproven story of the 'ground witnesses' rather than investigate it and determine the truth?"

GEORGE EARLEY writes as follows, in answer to a letter from William Nash in the April 30th issue of "Smear":

"If Mr. Nash wishes to believe that wind has no effect on the propagation of sound waves, he is welcome to do so. But he is wrong. Case in point - The symphonic band that played at my daughter's graduation in May was largely inaudible to the audience because the wind was blowing TO them FROM us. Other examples abound, but I leave it to your readers to do their own experimenting.

"However, I stand by my main point: Ufology in recent years has developed a 'believer' mindset wherein faith in the E.T. UFO has largely replaced the healthy skepticism/investigation needed to weed out IFOs of various sorts. Go, all ye of great faith and unquestioning nature, and read carefully Allan Hendry's 'The UFO Handbook' and learn how even experienced observers have misperceived conventional objects/phenomena and created UFOs."

The inevitable JON BECKJORD writes:

"Sorry to have missed my fans and detractors at the Tucson convention, but our Bigfoot Project of the National Cryptozoological Society pulled in a biggie. I spent the weekend camped out, hearing yells & screams at loud volume, and smelling sulphur dioxide mixed with stale urine, during two exciting evenings in a canyon in Oregon. Bigfoot and friends certainly need a bath! (I won't ask what the Con smelled like around the bar!)

"Then, following a lead, I interviewed a half-breed Indian medicine man who was kidnapped by sasquatches 16 years ago. His tale, seemingly untainted by B.S., is similar to that of Albert Ostman, Warren Scott, and

Muchalat Harry, none of whom he had heard of. If all four tales are true, then it seems that at least one type of Bigfoot has slipped back into straight 3-D instead of 3½D!"

DR. STEPHEN KURZWEIL writes:

"It is clear by now to even the casual observer that something is occurring that we label as 'UFO Phenomena'.

"Why not take the problem to our Scientists?

"Either we continue to play games with ourselves by forming new groups or having petty quarrels, or else have our own heads examined. Please write to the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036."

KEN BEHRENDT writes:

"Just a quick note to inform you and your readers that, due to a last minute switch in publishers, my revolutionary book on UFO propulsion and related areas of extraterrestrial technology, titled 'The First Book of Theoretical Ufology', will be available in a month or so. This publication just could provide 'the' final solution to the so-called UFO mystery and is one book, I believe, that the 'silencers' are praying you won't get your hands on! I can not at this point provide a price for the heavily illustrated volume, as it is still in the typesetting phase. Interested researchers may obtain an advance order form for it by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Cadake Industries, P.O. Box 9478, Winter Haven, Florida 33880."

Finally, we have a rather strange missive from LARRY PETERS of Center Force (whatever that is), which reads as follows:

"Could you please send out this word to your readers, or could you supply me with the definition of the word: TURPOLUCIDIUM. This would be very helpful, and I will clue you in, once I have established the identification of the word and its true meaning.

"I have been feeding my creature sardines, and hopefully he will remain here through the simmering summer, until you all decide to come down here and take a look for yourselves."

Larry can be reached at: P.O. Box 316, Riderwood, Maryland 21139. - Ed.



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