

"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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A BLAST FROM THE PAST:

Olde-time saucer fans may remember the name of Elliott Rockmore of Brooklyn, N.Y., the man who published the first amateur magazine devoted to factual reporting of current UFOs and Fortean events, back in the very early 1950's. Rockmore began his publication before SAUCER NEWS (founded 1954) or even APRO (1952), though not before the formation of southern California's BSRA (1946).

In any case, Rockmore literally went paranoid around 1954, and disappeared completely from the scene, refusing to communicate with anyone. He later subscribed to SAUCER NEWS off & on from the Rockland county, New York state mental hospital. By 1965 he was loose again; we ran into him accidentally at a social gathering in Brooklyn, and he seemed friendly & lucid at that time.

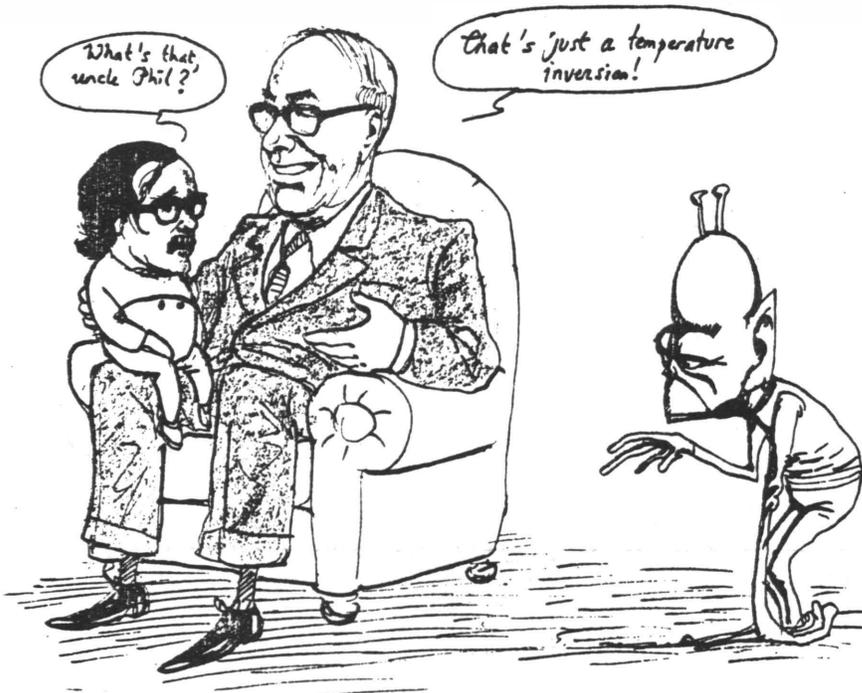
Then we lost track of Rockmore again until just the other day, when he mailed us a long, very crazy handwritten letter which begins "(Dear) Mr. Treason Queer". We got the feeling from this salutation that the letter would be unfriendly, and it is. Rockmore, though still in Brooklyn, has gone off the deep end once more! Why he chose to contact us after so many years, we do not know; but the letter is semi-threatening in nature, and we don't intend to answer it.

MISC. HOT FLASHES:

One of our loyal British non-subscribers, Hilary Evans, has written an utterly sensible UFO book called "The Evidence for UFOs", and was kind enough to send us a complimentary copy. Since the book is merely a very sane, normal, and (as we just said) sensible look at the evidence for flying saucers, it will probably get little attention. We recommend it highly, but have no idea how you can possibly obtain it....

Bob Pratt, formerly of the National Enquirer, has replaced veteran saucerer Dick Hall as editor of the prestigious (?) "MUFON UFO Journal". (See Pratt's very nice letter on Page 6.)

Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord writes us that his recent trip to New Guinea convinced him that the people there are not seeing mermaids, but are confused by similar creatures called Dugongs. Beckjord has not yet reported to us on his even more recent trip to Loch Ness, where he claims to have taken many feet of monster film. Stay tuned!



WHICH TWIN IS THE PHONY?  
AN EXPOSE EXPOSED!

Many of our "Saucer Smear" fans may also be non-subscribers to "Gray Barker's Newsletter", a tabloid-sized rag published in West Virginia by a former researcher of the same name.

Headlined in the October 1983 issue of Barker's periodical is the cartoon and caption at your right, which quite simply is a rude, crude parody of the cartoon above (left), which was drawn by genial Dutch skeptic Piet Hoebens and published in the January 15th 1983 "Smear".

Note that in the professionally-drawn cartoon by Hoebens, skeptic Phil Klass is depicted as an "uncle" who is teaching "baby" skeptic Bob Sheaffer to consider the weird Entity in the drawing as a mere temperature inversion. Both Klass and Sheaffer are easily recognizable, though we can't recall having seen the Entity anywhere before. Barker, after having been refused permission to reproduce the Hoebens cartoon in his sheet, came up with his own abominable adaptation of the cartoon. Some hack pseudo-artist, identified only as "Chris", has redrawn Klass in an unrecognizable way, and has substituted for Sheaffer a puppet (not a baby!) vaguely resembling your editor! Gone is the Entity, and gone is the gentle humor of the original cartoon!

O SHAME, Saucerian Press of Jane Lew, West Virginia, to sink to such literary and artistic depths to make a point that is not even valid! For, as careful "Smear" readers must surely know, your loyal editor does not agree entirely with the skeptics at all, but merely states that their arguments are getting stronger as the years go by without proof of saucer reality.

Worse - in a blatant show of hypocrisy - Barker includes on the same front page of his October newsletter an interminable letter from skeptic Jim Oberg - a letter which goes on & on endlessly for another full page or more. Oberg is a brilliant researcher who has apparently solved a number of foreign UFO cases; but this particular letter, which was sub-



Cartoonist pictures James W. Moseley as a ventriloquist's mannequin, caught in the web of a prominent skeptic and controlled by him. Too late to search for his own identity, the victim can only engage in a strident buffoonery, as a court jester to amuse his master or as a martinet who exacts an awful price from his own sycophants (See In and Out of Zines elsewhere).

mitted to "Smear" months ago and politely rejected, is not worth the space it takes up. Barker can hardly chide our limited admiration of Klass while at the same time subjecting his readers to this verbose tirade from Oberg which quite obviously has little or no reader interest.

But Barker's expose of your humble "Smear" editor is an even longer exercise in futility - more than two full tabloid-sized pages written by Barker under the name of "Craig Caldiron". In addition to reprinting 3 photos from "Smear" which Barker claims weren't worth printing in the first place, Barker (under the name of "Caldiron") chides your editor in an amusing/confusing series of complaints. First comes the old "Air Force agent" ploy, followed closely by a ludicrous charge that your editor staged a fake "panty raid" during the classic Dexter, Michigan UFO flap (1966), in order to confiscate UFO pictures taken by female college students! Further along, Barker - now writing under his own name - admits that these charges are probably false.

Somewhere along the way, "Caldiron" does manage to present a fair and quite favorable critique of "Smear". Never mind that the critique is long-winded, overly scholarly, and hard for any normal person to follow. Suffice is to say that everyone should have the opportunity to judge Barker's effort for himself, herself, or itself. Two twenty cent stamps (40¢) will get you a copy of Barker's October newsletter, so that you can decide on your own just what, if anything, is going on in the mind of this famed but aging ufological figure. Address: Box D, Jane Lew, W.Va. 26378.



## **Russians Training Psychic Soldiers to Destroy Our Minds**

The Russians are secretly training an elite corps of psychic warriors to destroy their enemies' minds with a powerful combination of...

### **Signposts**

# **Canadian cattle fly to Australia**

CALGARY (CP) — The first shipment from North America to Australia...

## **Moseley Gets Chair; Verdict Is Cheered**

By DAVID ANDERSON

Applause broke out in State Supreme Court yesterday after a jury had voted to...

THE READERS STRIKE BACK:

Contactee BILL HERRMANN writes as follows:

"....Let me say that I was associated with Wendelle Stevens as co-author of a book ('Contact from Reticulum') detailing my own UFO experience/encounter incident....

"The very nature of the legal action against Stevens indicates a sad and tragic destruction of his credibility and credentiality - a self-destructive one at that. Col. Stevens sacrificed his research affiliations by getting arrested, and in fact indulging in the most terrible of sexual perversions. However, Stevens needs qualified Mental Health counseling, not scathing condemnation from those he knew, or knew him.

"But, more realistically, Stevens is guilty of misrepresentation of UFO cases, gross exploitation of UFO case histories (mine included) and attempting to factualize the most elaborate hoax in UFO research - the Swiss case of Billy Meir!

"The Swiss case of Billy Meir will go down in UFO research as the best special effects since Steven Spielberg filmed CEIIK - or E. T.

"I worked closely with Stevens for well over 5 years of my life. I thought he was up front with me totally. I thought he was trustworthy. I thought that my UFO research relationship was on the up and up.

"Now I learn that APRO never gave him consent to take over my case, and that Jim Lorenzen never said, 'Work with Herrmann exclusively.' Now I learn that there are improprieties in regards to the percentages on the book venture. Now I learn that he was not arrested for a UFO research case, but was arrested, tried, and convicted on child molestation charges and Kiddie Porn allegations. I was lied to in three letters since his arrest. (He told me it was a Frame Up, and that he was arrested because he got too close to the truth on a UFO case.)

"Imagine my surprise when, in seeking to get bail for his arrest on a UFO case, I found out the Truth.

"I have therefore SEVERED and completely cut off my research relationship with him and have turned my case data over to APRO and aspects of the data to Harry Lebelson of Florida.

"In my association with Stevens, I turned down research opportunities with many ufologists. Perhaps many of them are on your mailing list for 'Saucer Smear'. If they want to reaffirm research on my case, they can contact Harry Lebelson or APRO.

"Thank you for allowing me this chance to reaffirm my own feelings in regard to one of the saddest incidents in UFO research history. I wasted 5 years of my life. Maybe I shouldn't have said a word about my UFO experience to anyone."

Editor's Note: One point of order concerning the above: Stevens did not stand trial, but entered a plea-bargaining agreement instead. - Herrmann can be reached at: 5045 Ozark St., Lot 1; North Charleston, S. C. 29418.

DENIS COREY of "Cowntown" (Columbus, Ohio) writes as follows:

"....I received and enjoyed the past two 'Saucer Smears'. Thanks again. And congratulations on maintaining such a consistent level of ufological journalism.

"The only comment I'd like to make about Wendelle Stevens and his 'misdeeds' is that no matter who it was or what 'crime' it was, the end result (at the least) is another 'black eye' for ufologists everywhere. And the whole UFO 'movement' is branded (again) as 'nothing but a bunch of kooks (or worse)'....

"Is that REALLY John Keel in the right-hand photo? Somehow I pictured him quite differently...."

# Aliens killed in crash

Genial Dutch skeptic PIET HOEBENS writes as follows:

"Thanks for your letter and for the exciting new issue of my favorite UFO journal....I must say that I was a bit surprised by your exclusive re Wendelle Stevens. As his distasteful habits are obviously irrelevant to his work in the UFO field, I wonder what purpose might be served by such public revelations. It somehow reminded me of Klass' mail-outs on Todd Zechel.

"The Huneeus confession seems far more relevant: It is very courageous of him to admit that he has been an accomplice in spreading nonsense stories.

"I read your review of the Klass book with great interest. The UFO buffs will love you for it! You have been extremely fair to Klass - perhaps a shade too positive. I do not think that he is a master of sarcastic humor. Sarcasm, yes. Humor, hmmm. Having read parts of the Klass vs. Maccabee exchange, I am not sure that I would put my bets on the Klass theory in the New Zealand case. My own theory is that the Ufonauts physically resemble squids & so presumed that intelligent life on earth would also be squid-like. Sure they were fishing for squids, not because they wanted to eat them, but because they wanted to speak to them & tell them about cosmic brotherhood & universal wisdom!...."

The inevitable KENNETH BEHRENDT writes:

"With regard to the present ongoing battle raging between you, Maccabee, and Klass concerning the now famous New Zealand UFOs, I have yet to read of any mention of a critical observation in the sighting that involved the rotation of the light sources observed. If there are any atmospheric optical illusions involving either reflection, refraction, or diffraction that can make a distant light source appear to rotate about its internal axis, then I would appreciate it if some of the atmospheric physicists out there would illuminate me on this effect (with an appropriate literature reference). If this cannot be done, then it would seem that what was observed over New Zealand's Canterbury coast on New Year's Eve morning 1978 is either a brand new optical illusion in the improbable arsenal of the skeptics and as such could have involved light sources such as Jupiter or Japanese squid boats, or, on the other hand and more likely, it was caused by a structured extraterrestrial craft with rotating hull surfaces or lighting."

And, from the one & only PHILIP J. KLASS we have:

"THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF PHILIP J. KLASS:

"To Ufologists who publicly criticize me, or my new book 'UFOs: The Public Deceived', or who even think unkind thoughts about me in private, I do hereby leave and bequeath:

"THE UFO CURSE:

"No matter how long you live, you will never know any more about UFOs than you know today. You will never know any more about what UFOs really are, or where they come from. You will never know any more about what the U.S. Government really knows about UFOs than you know today. As you lie on your own death-bed, you will be as mystified about UFOs as you are today. And you will remember this curse.

"(signed) Philip J. Klass, Sept. 29th, 1983."

Someone writing under the name of "Claymore Finch", but who is in all likelihood none other than JOHN KEEL, has this to say:

"Dear Muttonhead:

"Thanks for the underexposed, out-of-focus photographs (in the current 'Smear'). Where'd you get that camera? From a box of Crackjacks?

"I am astonished that you actually sprang for \$2.00 to have a photo screened for your alleged newsletter. However, the fat, aged, wrinkled person in the picture does not bear the slightest resemblance to my august person. Obviously you are attempting another in your long line of hoaxes. Everyone knows that I look like a combination of Cary Grant/ Paul Newman/ Arnold Schwarzenegger. They won't be fooled by the balding idiot in the photo! Anyone who wants to see what I really look like can send 50¢ to Merkel Press, Washington, D.C. and they will receive a genuine autographed photo in a sterling silver frame.

"Now get off poor Wendelle Stevens' case. He is not the first ufologist to go astray and end up in the slammer. Need I remind you of the time you were caught in the sheep pen in the Central Park Zoo? Or when Tim Beckley was apprehended in Macy's girdle department? Then there's the case of the Amazing Randi - - got caught picking his nose at a spotlight in Rumson, N.J. The list goes on and on.

"Dr. Berthold Schwarz's new book 'UFO Dynamics' (it's in two volumes for a paltry \$19.95) is probably the best book ever done on UFOs and UFO investigation (excluding, of course, my own illustrious works). I suggest that you give it a major review. Otherwise I will release certain documents in my possession. You know the ones."

Non-subscriber BOB PRATT, a freelance writer formerly with the National Enquirer, writes:

"R I still saucering? R U crazy? Once a saucerer, always a saucerer. Or, as a wise entity once said, you can take the man out of the saucer but not the saucer out of the man...."

"I have just committed the unpardonable sin of accepting the editorship of the MUFON Journal. After years of wishy-washy fence-sitting and avoiding UFOdom's many controversies, I have inadvertently put my head up in an excellent position to get it shot off. I agreed to take the job because I wanted to get a little more involved in the UFO business, but only later did I realize I was opening my life to a whole new set of hassles. However, if I'm lucky, some unknown rich aunt will go to the Great Beyond and leave me with the means of financing my own little private UFO chases around the world, leaving me with insufficient time to edit the Journal.

"I would like to go on record as saying 'Saucer Smear' is without a doubt one of the most vital forces in ufology today. Some people watch soap operas on TV and others the violent nighttime shows to get their kicks. Still others can read 'Saucer Smear' and watch real live people sniping away at each other. As the SS chief, you are to be admired for your generosity in providing this battlefield, and you should be admired for your fearless willingness to peel off a layer of skin yourself once in a while. And I cheer when you stoutly defend Everyman's right to stick his foot in his mouth. There are other fascinating aspects of SS as well. It is very newsy, for one thing. And for another, there are times when someone says something that borders on the profound. What is a little surprising is that some people take themselves so seriously at times.

"I, too, was saddened to hear the news about Wendelle Stevens. He is one of the most fascinating story tellers I've ever known...."

Our sincere thanks to Bob Pratt for his kind remarks about "Smear" - Ed.

And from sunny, earthquake-prone San Jose, California, skeptic BOB SHEAFFER writes:

"So Hal Starr thinks that your mention of his 'finding' a 'bug' in his motel room, and my comment on it, came in the same issue of 'Smear'? The CIA must have been practicing memory-alteration on him, as well as mere spying; the two pieces were in sequential issues, since I am neither clairvoyant nor precognitive.

"Famed saucer spotter Bill Nash thinks that both Morris K. Jessup and James McDonald suffered 'mysterious deaths', possibly because they were 'scientific men of competence'. While McDonald probably would fit the latter category due to his education and professional recognition, it would be stretching things greatly to include Jessup, who never completed his professional training, and contributed little if anything to astronomy. As for the 'mysterious deaths', apparently all suicides must be caused by the CIA, MIB, or whoever. Didn't Nash see McDonald's obituary in the newspapers? Some mystery!

"And yet another non-subscriber, Dr. Steven Kurzweil, enlightens us by informing us that the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) people never attend UFO meetings, for some very dark reason. Funny, but that's how I first met many of those people, at UFO-oriented conferences!"

BARRY HOFFMAN, a new non-subscriber & son of former ufologist Harry Hoffman, writes:

"....I took Kris Bjork's cue and went out one night looking to contact the Space People. I yelled at the top of my lungs, 'I'm ready for Sex! I'm ready for Sex'.

"The night time heavens over New York lit up with a hot flash of colorful brilliance and a chorus of angelic voices boomed back at me: 'Not now. We have a Cosmic Headache!'

"I suppose I'll classify that experience as a close encounter of the third and a half kind. I'll try it again sometime, in the spirit of - uh - free scientific inquiry.

"Meanwhile, there are matters of black holes, white rabbits, bent keys, obsidian blades, crystal skulls, and lastly - the mummified Unicorns found frozen in the ice in my last glass of gin.

"God bless you, Jim, for dispensing Truth, whatever that is...."

**FAR SIDE**



# Luce says aliens pose bigger threat to U.S. than A-bomb does

NEW YORK (UPI) — Clare Boothe Luce, former U.S. ambassador to Italy and widow of the founder of Time and Life magazines, says America faces a

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## 2 Teen-Agers Indicted For Drowning in Lake

The New York Times 12/10/82

August 22, 1983

Dear Jim:

I have compiled the preliminary results of the opinion poll I conducted during the July 1-3 Pasadena MUFON conference. A lot of people there took a lot of time to carefully fill out the two-page questionnaire. First I want to thank them and express my appreciation for their cooperation, and the cooperation of other MUFON officers who may have wondered at the hidden purposes of the idea.

These results must be judged tentative and hardly 'scientific' in their general applicability. One main lesson: MUFON members support this kind of thing and will enjoy seeing the results. Ufology will be helped by better such polls in the future.

The most astounding discovery was that MUFON members rated Phil Klass a more reliable UFO authority than Todd Zechel. I had provided a long list of UFO personalities and asked everyone to rate from 0 to 9 the accuracy of the works of the people in question. Naturally, people such as Hynek, Maccabee, Friedman and other luminaries were at the top of the list, while Berlitz, Jerry Clark, and Brad Steiger fell farther down. The skeptics were rated in an interesting fashion, with Sheaffer and myself rated "middling accurate", Condon and Menzel less so, and Phil at the bottom. BUT Phil rated higher than some pro-UFO folks, Zechel included. In fact, Phil was rated considerably more accurate than Tom Beckley. Alas, Tim did not take cellar position, which went to Frank Stranges. The point to make is that skeptics are seen as individuals, however fair or unfair the evaluations were, and that skeptics score no points when shooting at pro-UFO individuals who are considered unreliable by the other pro-UFO ufologists.

Ditto with UFO cases. I asked that twenty two random cases be evaluated. The top ratings went to Iran, Kaikoura, Wash DC Nat'l Airport, Socorro, Coyne, Betty Hill's original story, and Cash-Landrum -- certainly no surprises here. Less reliable cases were Pascagoula (Most believed in it, but with substantial doubts), Roswell (ditto), Ken Arnold (ditto), Walton (ditto), Andreasson (only half voted it a likely ufological event but even they had substantial doubts), Jimmy Carter's UFO (an even third thought it a true UFO, a third thought it 50:50 a UFO:IFO, another third judged it 'solved'), and the Apollo-11 and Gemini-4 (McDivitt) space UFO photos (bare majorities expressed confidence that the astronauts had encountered 'true UFOs'). The MUFON members rejected many other cases: Betty Hill's later stories (nobody thought any of them likely to have been 'true UFOs'), the Pleides case (only one person thought it anything but a hoax), the Tunguska blast of 1908 (about a quarter thought it likely to have been a true ufological event but many more thought there was still some chance it was), the Alexander Hamilton calf-napping and the Aurora, Texas crash and dead alien (a quarter of those polled were confident that both were real UFO cases; the rest were equally confident they were hoaxes), and the USSR "jellyfish UFO" over Petrozavodsk in 1977 (nobody considered it a true UFO). Such discrimination is evidence of considerable maturity of judgment on the part of members, in my opinion. It also will force the skeptics to concentrate on "best cases", which to some extent of course we have been.

There were thirty 'statements' soliciting agreement/disagreement of varying force. Members strongly disagreed that public interest in UFOs has waned. They strongly agree that the US government has vital UFO secrets and that 'physical remains of alien space vehicles' are sequestered somewhere on Earth. They strongly agree that the UFO movement has been too tolerant of crackpots, and also that hypnotic regression has been very valuable in uncovering UFO testimony, and that "the general public gets most of its UFO information from the tabloids, Hollywood, and similar unreliable sources." The vast majority agree that Uri Geller can perform genuine paranormal feats. Most photos of structured objects are fakes, but repeaters can still be reliable witnesses -- majority agrees. An interesting mix of belief and disbelief, but a worthwhile effort all the same. I hope other people carry this activity further with in-depth surveys.

