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WELL, A REALLY COOL YULE TO ALL OUR FELLOW SAUCER FIENDS! We sent out a large batch of Xmas cards last August, so as to be well ahead of the last-minute rush. Therefore you should consider the above insipid message to be your card for this Glorious Holiday Season. We should also mention our thanks to those of you who have already sent us cards!

And please remember that if an "X" appears after your name on the envelope in which you received this issue of "Smear", we will be easing you off the non-subscription list unless we hear from you shortly. We want to keep our mailing list down to True Enthusiasts, plus the usual handful of CIA informants, interplanetary infiltrators, and the like.....

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Famed flying saucer author & publisher Gray Barker is dead after many sad days in the intensive care unit of a hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. He had returned home from another hospital after a severe illness in October (reported in our last issue of "Smear"), but he was stricken again a few days thereafter, and this time he did not recover.

Your editor knew Gray Barker in greater depth than any other ufologist knew him. We have been close friends since 1953. Barker was one of the key figures of the whole ufological movement, having been brought into our Scene by the Flatwoods, W. Va. monster case (circa 1951), in the investigation of which he shared the glory with the late Ivan T. Sanderson. Then came (circa 1952) the old "Saucerian" magazine, which, far more than your "Smear" editor's SAUCER NEWS, set a standard for ufological reporting that has never been equaled in the intervening years.

By "ufological reporting" we mean the spinning of a yarn into good English that would excite and titillate the reader. Probably by the mid-1950's Barker realized that he was functioning only as an entertainer and folklorist rather than a factual reporter, but he enjoyed the role and played it exceedingly well. Perhaps his high point in ufology came circa 1957 with the publication of his only "real" book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" - a somewhat factual account of the classic Albert K. Bender case. Bender had claimed to have been "hushed up" by a sinister & mysterious group of "Three Men in Black", and thereafter this phrase became a permanent part of saucer lore, having been engrained forever in our consciousness by Barker.

Over the years, Barker was an English teacher; a motion picture the-

atre owner; a salesman for audio-visual equipment; and several other things, in addition to his extensive ufological activities. At one time he was West Virginia's largest "booker" of movie films for indoor and drive-in theatres.

By the 1970's Barker was starting to "wind down". His near-genius mind became immeshed in mere financial survival, through terribly mediocre literary activities. There were rumors - then and also much earlier - of homosexuality and alcoholism. There was, most certainly, a basis of truth in these rumors. However, we will not descend below our usual level of bad taste by going into details about any of this, at this time.

With Barker's passing, we must surely close the door on the "classic" era of saucer research - an era which really ended in the 1950's, with mere echos in more recent years. Gray Barker should have lived forever, but he didn't.

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Also, veteran UFO researcher August C. Roberts of Wayne, N.J. (a very close friend of Gray Barker) has been seriously ill quite recently, but is now on the road to recovery. He states that twice in the course of his hospitalization, he saw himself literally "going down the tunnel" toward a light at the end - representing Death. He plans to write about these experiences.

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Non-subscriber Blaine Hamrick (P.O. Box 610173, DFW Airport, Texas 75261) wants our readers to know that he is working on a portable psychotronic device and would appreciate any help he can get. No, this has nothing to do with Sex. You technical people will know what he means....

Hark now, for here's the preliminary word on the glorious forthcoming National UFO Conference (NUFOC) of 1985, following on the heels of our semi-successful bash in Cleveland, Ohio this past September. The 1985 sponsor will be Kal K. Korff, who will hold the event some weekend in May (exact date not yet available), in the auditorium of John F. Kennedy High School in Fremont, California - near San Francisco. Speakers will be Kal K. Korff plus famed UFO author Bill Moore and Thomas Gates of MUFON. Any net profit from the convention will be donated to the Athletic Fund of the high school in question. For further details about this, our 22nd annual Happening, stay tuned to future "Smears"....

And, speaking of conventions, we had to miss the 2nd annual SBI convention on Staten Island (New York) last November 4th. Why it was held just two days before the presidential election, we do not know; but we do know that Geraldine Ferraro, who was rumored to be an intended attendee, did not show up - nor did rock star (?) Helen Wheels, or UFO sighter Larry Warren. (Wheels and Warren were listed in the program; Ferraro was not.) Another missing element was a movie film that purported to show a UFO over the New Jersey Turnpike. Among the speakers who did participate were Larry Fawcett, Barry Greenwood, Budd Hopkins, Philip Imbrogno, Antonio Huneeus, and of course Pete Mazzola, who as head of the SBI was the sponsor of the event. About 250 members of the Public showed up, in spite of the difficult-to-reach location, and the hall is said to have been "almost full". Among the non-attendees were Harold Salkin and Mike Luckman - unpaid publicists for the event - who became discouraged with Mazzola's pre-convention attitude and decided not to make the trek to Staten Island from Manhattan. In all, the SBI convention sounds like it was a very limited success....

The October 28th issue of the Washington Post's magazine section carried a long & interesting article about the Believers vs. Skeptics problem in the UFO field. As representative of the elite of each group,

the views of Bruce Maccabee and Phil Klass were discussed and analyzed in depth. We thought it was a fair, middle-of-the-road treatment, worthy of the Washington Post. Others, however, might disagree....

From the same source as the above, namely non-subscriber Tom Burch, we have obtained the most fascinating Fartean item to reach our desk in a long time: Near Grand Coulee, Washington, a chunk of earth weighing several tons was plucked out of a wheat field, as if someone had used "a giant cookie cutter". It landed right-side-up, 73 feet away from the hole it came out of. The displaced slab is about 10 feet long, 7 feet wide, and 2 feet thick. Its shape and thickness exactly match the hole it left behind, like a piece in a jigsaw puzzle. Yet there were no track marks or any other indication of how it was moved! (Flying saucers were not even mentioned in the article)....

Armand Laprade, editor of a quaint UFO journal called "Would You Believe", has now ventured into book publishing. Recently he brought forth a 44-page booklet called "Meet the Extraterrestrials", written in 1957 by the late Isabel Davis. This tiny tome turns out to be an expanded review of eight of the early contactee books - those written by Adamski, Fry, Van Tassel, George Hunt Williamson, and others. Strangely, Miss Davis's position is negative about all this contactee stuff. Maybe that's why it took so many years for the manuscript to be published. Laprade can be reached at Route 4, Box 156, Marshall, Arkansas 72650. The price is (Would You Believe??) a mere three dollars....

Your humble editor is Morally Offended (not really!) by an item on Page 19 of Bob Girard's latest saucer book catalogue, in which we catch former UFO authority John Keel trying to peddle three of his original book manuscripts for an outrageous total of fifteen hundred dollars! First we see the "come-on", apparently written by Girard, in which it is stated that "according to investment specialists, rare books and manuscripts are out-performing precious metals and other collectibles in appreciation in value over the years." Then we get a glowing description of each of the three Keel books. All we can say is: BULLSHIT! What do these left-overs from a little-known author have to do with "rare books and manuscripts"? These particular manuscripts won't increase in value until such time as the Space People autograph them personally!....

Larry Fawcett and Barry Greenwood, co-authors of "Clear Intent", are capitalizing on the success of their book to re-begin the newsletter "Just Cause". In the late 1970's this newsletter and its editor Larry Bryant were in the forefront of the fight against alleged Government secrecy re flying saucer evidence. Current price: \$10 for four all-new quarterly issues. Address: P.O. Box 218, Coventry, Connecticut 06238...

He blames aliens

Brian Dussault, accused of killing his wife, became the first person under Alaska's new mental illness law to be declared innocent by reason of insanity.

Dussault told a court in Anchorage that he killed his wife Boonyeang because she had been taken over by small, square, red-crystal beings from another planet.

Sunday, November 11, 1984

'Streaker' to get help

Pittsburgh, Pa. —UPI— A Michigan man who ran naked through a plane en route from Boston to Dayton, Ohio, has been ordered to seek mental treatment. Michael L. Hulliberger, 32, of Williamstown, Mich., was ordered to undergo the treatment after he waived his right to a preliminary hearing Friday.

MASSACHUSETTS

'Nice' teen arraigned in father's ax murder

HINGHAM — Robert Ludwig, 17, who volunteered for booster clubs and was described by a neighbor as "the nicest kid I ever met," was arraigned Monday on charges of hacking his father to death with an ax.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Bigfootologist RON SCHAFFNER writes as follows, in regard to our last issue:

"You deserve much credit for exposing 'The Martians' of Brewster, New York. If you remember, in my last letter I said that someone should go on that lead. After I dropped that letter off at the post office, I bought 'Discover' Magazine from the store. I didn't send you a copy because I figured you would see it. It is a damn shame that a science magazine has to expose these incidents. Ufologists should be on top of situations like this. Come on, researchers, do your job! Expose these misinterpretations and be objective investigators!...."

SUSAN HOSKINS, President of the Church of the Mystic Light of Flanders, New Jersey, writes:

"I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know that I am still receiving my copy of 'Smear' and enjoying it ever so much. I hope you are enjoying the sunny skies of Florida, you lucky guy! One of these days I hope to make it down there to take advantage of the warmth and sun too, so don't use it all up!..."

DR. THORNTON PAGE, our olde pal from NASA, writes:

"I am delighted to have a photo of our Supreme Commander with his shrunken head (a Jivaro's, not Moseley's) in his new Rose Lane Antiquities shop in Key West. You should let the other non-subscribers in on the story of that gun-totin' hombre robbing graves in Peru in the 1950's. I had thought I had a dramatic background until I heard of Jim Moseley's. If you publish the Miami Herald interview in 'Smear', non-subscribers will come flocking to Rose Lane to swipe your pre-Columbian gold and identify the shrunken head as what's normal for an extraterrestrial. Don't let us down!

"Seriously, it's a good, revealing article, and I'm glad I was one of the first to telephone you a welcome to Key West.

"I just attended a NASA Symposium in Washington on plans for a Lunar Base. It beats UFOs hollow! I talked about putting a 4-ton telescope at the Base so the boys and girls could search for useful ores on the lunar surface by day, and do some useful astronomy by night. The real excitement (among 350 participants) was about sovereignty, lunar law, and whether we should cooperate with the Soviets. There's also a problem of what to do with human sewage on the Moon. Come to think of it, what do extraterrestrials on UFOs do with it?...."

No Space to publish the Miami Herald article here, though we sent copies of it to Page and a few other selected non-subscribers. And, now that we think about it, what do UFO occupants do with their sewage? This weighty question has never been sufficiently discussed in 'Smear'. - Editor.

BOB ("Raving Robert") SCHILLER delights us with:

"Dear Most Glorious and Esteemed Commander:

"Thanks for your recent letter and the astounding 11/5/84 issue of 'Saucer Smear'....One of the most sensational letters therein was from the immortal Todd Zechel, who revealed for all to see: the sinister covert operations of Fantastic Phil Klass. Well, you can only blaspheme and spit upon the self-sacrificing ufologist for just so long and then we shall rise up in anger and we will hurl back the imperialistic war mongers. The very idea of Phil calling us Dummies and Kooks is just too much for my

heart to bear. Therefore my good conscience forces me to initiate an 800 billion dollar lawsuit for libel and sacrilege against Phil and the Soviet Union. Klass's unceasing harassment of the Space Brothers has to have been spawned in the evil machinery of the KGB. And all of us in the upper echelon of Ufology know that Phil has a Russian girl friend. Now let us all come together to banish the infidel who has dragged the good name of Ufology through the Mud. Rise up, my brothers, and aid me in my noble struggle!..."

Somewhat more seriously (though not too much), BRENT RAYNES writes:

"While I have reservations about Mr. Klass, the dude you dubbed as 'lovable' and 'handsome' (you depraved types stick together!), Todd Zechel's strong allegations about 'lovable' Klass sound like he is either pulling our legs, or else Klass pulled his. In the meantime, I'm not going to hold my breath in anticipation of that legal action Zechel assures us is forthcoming. But IF it does happen, that sure would be great. Maybe then we could finally 'kill' this controversy of 'is he or isn't he', and lay the matter to an 'eternal rest'.

"(Still in regard to your last 'Smear',) Al Greenfield didn't know the difference between an F-51 and a skyhook balloon? Really? Well, I can at least distinguish between a plane and a balloon. In fact, I just blew up a balloon for my daughter's birthday party!..."

Very seriously indeed, JEROME CLARK of FATE Magazine writes:

"Phil Klass's letter responding to mine about his role in getting the 1984 University of Nebraska Fortean conference canceled is about as feeble as you'd expect from somebody caught with his hand in the cookie jar. Three comments:

"(1) His claim that the conference was canceled because it didn't make money is a characteristically self-serving fantasy. A university official told organizer Ray Boeche specifically that the institution feared legal problems from Klass and on that basis decided not to sponsor another conference.

"(2) Phil doesn't seem to understand that I understand perfectly well that he was 'joking' when he threatened to murder me. Phil is precisely the kind of guy who finds the idea of killing people who disagree with him wildly hilarious.

"(3) I've always heard that when two persons agree absolutely, one of them is unnecessary. So is Gary Posner, who agrees absolutely with Phil on everything, necessary?"

We agree that, in this sense, Gary Posner is not necessary. - Editor.

And, PHIL KLASS himself writes:

"Todd Zechel's 'expose' about my alleged connections, in the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear', demonstrates why history will show that Zechel either is one of the world's most penetrating investigators - or the biggest UFO 'con-man' since Silas Newton and Leo GeBauer misled Frank Scully into writing his book on crashed saucers.

"I encourage Zechel to hurry his promised/threatened legal action, for I just turned 65 and my statistical life expectancy is not much longer than 10 years.

"Under oath, I am prepared to admit that I have a secret Swiss bank account which now contains more than \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000. But this simply represents royalties earned on my three UFO books. (It is true that most of the copies were purchased by the CIA. But this is not

a hidden payoff. Rather, it demonstrates, just as Zechel has long proclaimed, that the CIA is so interested in UFOs that it wants every one of its employees and 'assets' to have his/her own copy.)

"But I am prepared to go to jail rather than admit that President Ronald Reagan is the head of the KGB apparatus in the U.S., a position he assumed following the demise of Dwight D. Eisenhower."

MICHAEL DENNETT, whom we strongly suspect of being a Skeptic, writes:

"I just returned from the CSICOP Conference at Stanford University, where both Phil Klass and J. Allen Hynek gave talks on flying saucers. Phil spoke about 'UFOs today'. His talk was very good, but it was surprisingly cordial to Hynek. Dr. J. Allen's presentation, however, was by any measure the low point of the conference. The man next to me fell asleep during Hynek's talk!

"The influential UFO Subcommittee of CSICOP met informally at the end of the day of Hynek's lecture. At least one member of the subcommittee urged that a more satisfactory 'pro' UFO speaker be found for the next conference. 'Someone with a little pluck' is alleged to have been used in connection with a future speaker.

"The most important UFO story of the conference was the appearance of J.P. Cahn at the 'open' meeting of the UFO Subcommittee on Friday. J.P. Cahn related some of the details behind his investigation of Frank Scully.

"J. Richard Greenwell, who was also at the conference, said that he might sell his UFO library....

"On other topics - Martin Ebon gave a very interesting talk about 'The Psychic Arms Race'. Mr. Ebon is an excellent speaker and handled the audience masterfully. He received enthusiastic applause at the end of his presentation. He demonstrated that a good speaker need not be concerned about an audience of skeptics."

ROBERT SHEAFFER writes us about the same conference, which took place this past November 9th and 10th:

"Somewhere I saw a cartoon a few months back, on CSICOP's forthcoming conference at Stanford University, and the caption was something like, 'Well, we found 14 people who will come to the conference, all of whom agree with us.'

"Well, no doubt that's what many UFO proponents would like to believe, but sorry folks, we had about 500 people in attendance, most of whom are subscribers to the Skeptical Inquirer, and most of whom 'agree with us', which is hard to do, since we don't all agree with each other on all things; but it would be safe to say that the crowd was overwhelmingly skeptical. At least half of them, by the way, travelled from points outside northern California, indicating a degree of interest that was more than passing.

"At the smaller 'closed sessions', which were open only to people who wanted to attend them, we had reports from representatives of the local skeptics' groups in the Bay Area (around San Francisco), in the Pacific Northwest, in Minnesota, in Arizona, in Houston, in Colorado, in the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Australia. As a result of this session, a strong impetus was given to forming skeptics' groups elsewhere. A Los Angeles area group has already been launched, and others appear to be in the process of formation. The circulation of the Skeptical Inquirer, meanwhile, continues to rise, and is now approaching 20,000, dwarfing that of any pro-UFO group's publication.

"We invited quite a few well-known 'believers' in various things to address the group, including Peter Sturrock and Russ Targ. (Unlike some organizations, we welcome diverse viewpoints at our conferences.) Unfor-

tunately, these luminaries begged off owing to other pressing commitments, real or imagined. Dr. J. Allen Hynek did participate, giving us a breakdown of percentages of UFOs having certain characteristics, attempting to show patterns in the data. Phil Klass then spoke, and said in essence, 'Howcum Hynek's CUFOS has been at this for so long and still doesn't have anything solid?'

"The audio tapes of the conference are, by the way, available from the Skeptical Inquirer (Box 229, Central Park Station, Buffalo, N.Y. 14215) at a modest cost."

Since Bob Sheaffer was the sponsor of this year's CSICOP convention, we can't expect his appraisal to be 100% objective. However, we do appreciate it & are sorry we could not attend. - Editor.

Moving on to the Disharmony in the Bigfoot scene, we have this wild letter from RENE DAHINDEN of Canada. We have toned it down somewhat:

"....I enclose a bunch of clippings about this nut Beckjord. In my view Beckjord is out and out sick in the head. In fact, I consider him insane. He is also a real sick pathetic animal....and wherever he goes he is driving people wild. He harasses them till they are just about ready to beat the shit out of him. In fact one husband bought his wife a handgun and told her to shoot him dead if he ever shows up again. He was harassing this woman for weeks, and did the same thing to friends of her's.

"I know this insane nut since December of 1975 - and the first time I saw him - he was crazy. And so did other people. It took me some time to understand him, since never in my life had I met the likes of him. - Thank God for that. We have a few nuts in this Bigfoot research out west here, but he is the only one whom everybody seems to hate....

"I don't think you are doing anybody a service by publishing Beckjord's stuff. He wants attention any way he can get it. He is manipulating you and others, and does not give a damn how sick he has to get, to get this attention. Most of us don't reply to his sick letters any more, and I wish you would do the same. This way we may be able to put a stop to this insane nut.

"I know nothing about UFO research and don't want to, either. From what I see and hear and read, there are more nuts and sickos in that field than you can count. We are only glad that the likes of Pilichis, Peters, and other weirdos from Ohio are far from here. If this Peters is the same man who spent some time with Ray Wallace in Toledo, Washington, we are glad he is back in Ohio with the rest of the Rome nuts. Anybody who would publish something like Pilichis did, must have a screw loose someplace. In fact, most of the people from that Group should go and see an electrician. They have a short upstairs - a loose connection, or are not wired right. In short - mentally defective.

"We all wish that the UFO people would peddle their UFOs and stay out of Bigfoot research. We don't need the UFO nuts and weirdos....

"Sooner or later Beckjord will get what he has coming, and we all will be very happy about it. In my view this guy should be in jail or a mental institution, or both...."

To which Erik Beckjord replies: "The level of a man's insanity can be judged by the words that he writes."

Moseley breaks record

And, the very same, ever-popular ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"This is a sort of farewell and wrap-up note from me to all my loyal and disloyal supporters in the Pacific Northwest, for I am taking the lead of our astute Supreme Commander and am moving south to warmer climes. Los Angeles, to be exact, where Bigfoot is seen more in storm-drain tunnels than in the desert (viz, 'Buena-foot').

"I spent nine long and wet years up here. I saw Bigfoot 3 times; photographed a paranormal female BF and fragments of others of like ilk (heads, torsos, etc.); verified blood and hair samples as being from unknown higher primates; did weight tests on the heavy (3,000 lbs.) Walla Walla sasquatch that also left dermal ridges in his tracks; investigated some 500 sightings by others; survived Rome, Ohio; got shot at in Madras, Oregon; slapped by Rene Dahinden in British Columbia at a BF conference; and called a part of the lunatic fringe by more conventional investigators for publishing ideas that indicated that just maybe BF is part of the UFO scene and not something that we, or anyone, can go out and catch with a net any time we put our mind to it.

"After years of following tracks that end in the middle of snow-fields, and the like, one gets the message that it is better to stop pounding one's head against the proverbial brick wall and, like Brother Moseley, temper one's life with some sunshine, girl-watching and fishing. I won't give up the investigation completely, for D. Scott Rogo down in Los Angeles has lots of poltergeists for me to check out...."

LARRY PETERS chimes in with:

"Where does Erik Beckjord get his information about my activities? At least he could keep the record straight. Just once I hope for the day when this man is standing beside me when the 'Red Eyes' come out. After that there will be no more discussion from him.

"It seems to me that Erik is more than adequately equipped with his female psychic. Perhaps he should have spent more time out of his car. The SO₂ would have been more suitable on him!"

Finally, TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

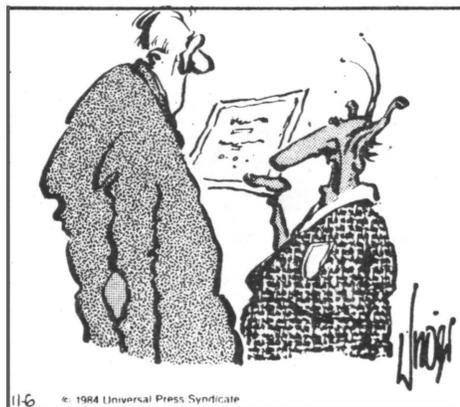
"I would like to hear from those individuals that have conducted investigations which have led to some type of technical data. I am interested in exchanging such technical data on this subject matter. If there is confidential data therein, it will be treated as such, since some cases I have conducted also have such information....My address is: Route 3; 303 Windmere Circle; Corinth, Texas 76205."

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**FBI To Watch
For Ghost Voting**

WASHINGTON (SHNS) — The Justice Department says it will have FBI agents on alert

**Moseley
Makes It
Happen**



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"Sorry, pal. I just bought the planet. I want you and all your buddies off by next Friday."