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IN WHICH
YOUR EDITOR MEETS THE SPACE PEOPLE!

In the course of your editor's recent wanderings in the western USA, he stopped in Clear Lake City, Texas, to commune with ace non-subscriber Dr. Thornton Page & charming wife Lou. Although we never saw any clear lake (just a bayou full of dangerous animals), we did take a grand tour of the nearby NASA installation, where Page worked until his recent retirement. This tour was followed by a marvelous dinner party, consisting of Page, Moseley, super anti-saucerer Jim Oberg (who also works with NASA), and last but certainly not least, one Karl Henize of NASA - all four of said persons accompanied by their corresponding wives. Henize is destined to achieve astronaut status very shortly, when "Spacelab II" goes aloft circa July 12th.

Also present at the party was a ninth personage, details about which/whom we will not yet reveal. Hopefully our next "Smear" will feature photos of this personage together with some of the party guests. In all, it was a memorable evening; and our sincere thanks to Thornton Page for making it all possible....

IN WHICH
WE TEND TO DISPARAGE THE INFORMATION
IN OUR OWN RECENT "STAR WARS" EDITORIAL!

When even non-subscriber Harry Lebelson didn't believe our "Star Wars" editorial in the last "Smear", we knew we were in trouble! And not even Colman VonKeviczky, who has been saying the same kind of thing for years, bothered to write in to offer his support! But never mind. We still insist that our information was from, as we said, "a usually reliable source in Washington, D.C." We'll let it go at that, for now.

The "Star Wars" editorial was based on an interpretation of two fairly recent UFO cases - the New York State "Boomerang from Outer Space" case, and the English Rendlesham Forest case, which we now call RendleSHAM.

Jerry Clark's letter in this issue gives the most reasonable explanation we've heard yet, regarding the "Boomerang". As for RendleSHAM, if the U.S. and Russia have changed their policies & agreed to spend untold billions because of this particular UFO case, then the world is in a lot more trouble than even the worst pessimists could imagine. Because, gentle reader, we have made our own investigation of this story, at the prodding of Jerry Clark, who believed in it strongly, at least at one time. Our conclusion from the evidence we have received is that it is one of the most overblown, ludicrous accumulations of half-baked evidence that we have ever had the misfortune to come upon, in all our years in UFO-dumb!



Space does not permit us to do a full critique, but let us start with a few words about an article called "Rendlesham Revisited", published in the now-defunct British zine, "Probe Report" (April, 1983), and written by Probe's editor Ian Mrzyglod together with one Martin Shipp. The "Probe" team physically revisited the site about two years after the original incident, and investigated five specific subjects: The alleged landing site; A "Two (not Three) Men in Black" incident near the landing area; Animal disturbances at the time of the sighting; Weird effects that were supposed to have happened to a car driven near the landing area by two of the original group of investigators; and TV/electrical interference caused by the alleged landing.

The landing site turned out to be one of several completely similar clearings in the Forest, caused by the systematic removal of trees by persons authorized to do so. (No one had bothered to check this out!) The "Two Men in Black" turned out to be one of the female UFO investigators and her boyfriend. The other three subjects had equally mundane or inconclusive explanations. "Probe Report", composed of sensible, conservative pro-UFO people, concluded that the case did not warrant further investigation!

And yet, we have "Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy", written by Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles. Truthfully, we have not really bothered to read all of this book (though it is here on the shelf); but Dot Street is described in a letter from one of our pro-UFO-but-conservative British correspondents as "an excitable bird-like person, garrulous, and with a strong will to believe." Brenda Butler, on the other hand, is described by the same correspondent as "a buxom dark-haired country girl, whose main source of information is the local hostelry, where the local USAAF Base staff congregate. Having been in the Army myself, it doesn't take much machination of my nasty suspicious mind to figure out what probably happened: Doubtless some enterprising soul whose mind was on less ethereal matters, decided to gain the young lady's interest by fabricating an interesting tale. I hope his efforts were suitably rewarded!" (End of quote.)

RendleSHAM fans should remember that Brenda Butler is the original source of much of the material on this case, which involved an air base extremely close to the Forest in question. Another key source is "Art Wallace" (a pseudonym), who writes in the forepiece of "Sky Crash": "They don't have my real name....If they find out they will ruin me. They will blow my head off in the street or something. If my name is used I think I am a dead man."

Unfortunately, "Art Wallace" has already been revealed, in the "MUFON Journal" and many other places, as being former airman Larry Warren. Even more unfortunately, no harm has come to Warren because of it! And still more unfortunately, in a letter to Phil Klass dated April 25, 1985, MUFON's Walt Andrus states: "...Based upon our investigation of this case, Larry would probably fail (on a lie detector test) any questions directly related to his having personally observed the three occupants and their physical descriptions as depicted in the CNN film....Mr. Warren apparently enjoys basking in publicity because he tends to embellish his story each time it is told...."

Herr Andrus goes on to state in the same letter: "We arranged to have a voice stress analysis test conducted by the leading authority on this device, using the CNN video tape-audio as the medium for the test. Larry Warren failed the questions where he was describing the occupants; therefore MUFON has no further need to conduct a polygraph test...."

AND YET the April 1985 issue of the "MUFON Journal" contains a drawing of the RendleSHAM craft, sketched by one Betty Luca under the direction of "Art Wallace"! The same issue contains a rambling, paranoid, semi-hysterical article by Jenny Randles, the third co-author of "Sky Crash", in which she bemoans the lack of favorable publicity about RendleSHAM and

about her book, as originally published in England. And in that whole issue of "MUFON Journal" there is not one word about "Art Wallace" having failed the voice stress analysis! So much for MUFON's dedication to Truth in Ufology!

Then there's an audio tape going the rounds, made by one of the witnesses, named Colonel Halt. We've heard it, and it's just a bunch of guys at the alleged landing site shouting about radiation counts & about moving lights in the sky. The tape could have been made anywhere, including someone's living room!

Your "Smear" editor hereby urges the governments of the USA and Russia not to change their short-range or long-range policies because of this particular UFO case! Let's all be patient and wait for something better to come along!

F I A S C O N E A R F R I S C O
(A T a l e O f W o e !)

On the evening of May 25th, the 22nd annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) was held at John F. Kennedy High School in Fremont, California - a few miles south of San Francisco. The local host was Kal K. Korff of anti-Pleiades fame. Your humble "Smear" editor, as national chairman of the NUFOC, acted as master of ceremonies for the convention.

The speakers consisted of Korff plus famed author Bill Moore, who enchanted the very small audience for nearly 2 hours with details of his further investigations of the Roswell, N.M. crashed saucer incident (1947). Moore spoke well, as always, but we were more interested in a 26-page paper Moore has just published, in which he presents the thesis that Frank Scully's crashed disc stories were all the product of the fertile imagination of his friend Silas Newton. Thus, the only early crashed saucer story that Moore takes seriously is Roswell. (We, on the other hand, feel that whatever came down at Roswell was probably a mundane weather balloon-ish object of some sort.)

Korff's slide lecture at the convention consisted of an attempt to prove his contention that he is neither a skeptic nor a Believer, but merely an objective researcher.

Two nights before the convention, Korff and your humble "Smear" editor spoke at a monthly meeting of the Bay Area Skeptics, hosted by Bob Sheaffer. This group publishes a skeptical zine called "Basis", which some call "Bias". Your editor talked to the group about four mysterious UFO-ish cases he personally investigated through the years, all of which turned out to have very mundane explanations. He emphasized that, unlike the skeptics, this does not tell him that there can't be other cases that truly are mysterious. The point is that in all

**Inventor insists
incredible machine
makes electricity**

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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

WASHINGTON — A self-educated inventor from the Mississippi backwoods was to return to federal court today to demand a patent on a contraption he claims will produce cheap energy and change the world.

Joseph Newman says his machine not only produces more energy than it uses, but that it also will shrink forever the average American's utility bills.

Current physics teaching holds that it is impossible for a machine to produce more energy than it uses.

Undaunted, Mr. Newman told a news conference Wednesday the 5,000-pound machine he built in his backyard deep in the pine woods outside Lucedale, Miss., could make existing power sources obsolete.

"I intend to fight this all the way to the Supreme Court, and I will win," said Mr. Newman, who claims he has been stonewalled for four years by the Patent Office, which contends his device cannot possibly work.

Mr. Newman, who has been in and out of the courts since first applying for a patent in 1979, will ask the U.S. District Court to grant him a patent on grounds his device does work.

He will cite an earlier report to the court from Maj. William Schuyler, a former patent commissioner acting as a special master in the case, who wrote:

"Even though the operation of the plaintiff's (Mr. Newman's) system seems contrary to recognized scientific principles, plaintiff has demonstrated the operation of his system by very clear evidence and is therefore entitled to a patent if he otherwise satisfies the requirements of the patent statute."

Mr. Newman, who brought the device to the Washington area all the way from Mississippi on a truck, says his machine frees a hidden force present in all matter — electromagnetic energy — and converts it to electricity.

The 48-year-old inventor, a high school dropout who later took college courses, said his invention produces only energy in a "100% conversion process," with none of the dangerous radiation or pollutants that result from making electricity in nuclear and steam plants.

He told skeptical reporters of a future in which homeowners could purchase one of his machines for about \$1,500 and escape utility bills forever.

Mr. Newman's machine consists of several loglike chunks of material that rotate like a mill wheel.

these years, nothing truly mysterious has yet been proven, regarding any case.

A lively discussion period followed Korff's talk at the above-mentioned skeptics' meeting, consisting largely of a long technical argument between Sheaffer and ufologist Brad Sparks regarding the famous 1952 Trent photographs. It seemed to us that Sparks, using detailed material from Dr. Maccabee, won the technical argument hands down; but we still are not convinced that the Trent photos are really proven to be genuine.

Bill Moore, who was also in the audience that night, shared with us the intriguing "fact" that Phil Klass has threatened to kill him. When called on this, he retreated to the position that even if Klass did not mean the threat seriously, he is nevertheless "sick". All the Believers in the audience seemed to agree with this, with the exception of your editor.

On the next night (May 24th), Korff hosted a sparsely attended UFO party near his home, which was most enjoyable, and where the food & booze were most delightfully plentiful.

However, Korff gets very low marks on the way he planned the convention, in general. He failed to notify the ufological press about the convention at all, so that the only mention of it beforehand was in "Smear". He also managed to choose a motel for "delegates" which was utterly ridiculous, for complex reasons; and thus absolutely no one at all ended up staying there!

Nevertheless, Korff presumably did his best, and saved the NUFOC from extinction by holding a convention at all. For this we owe him our gratitude. Next year's NUFOC will be in Phoenix, Arizona, hosted by an old pro - Hal Star. We have every reason to assume that things will go much better there.

Finally, we should mention perhaps the most important thing about this year's convention - which was the presentation of our annual "Ufologist of the Year" award to CUFOS treasurer John Timmerman (in absentia) - a man who lives in the shadow of Dr. Hynek and thus has never, in our opinion, received the recognition he deserves. For several years he has unselfishly given time and money to the CUFOS cause, and has shown himself to be a sincere, sensible ufologist. The UFO movement would surely gain respect and generally prosper if there were more good men like John Timmerman around.

Unfortunately, we must end this convention report on a sour note: For technical reasons, Korff did not have the award plaque ready in time for the convention, and for further technical reasons, it still has not arrived at our Headquarters as of this writing - so that we can send it on to John.

Come on, Kal! Give us all a break!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

ITEM: From loyal but critical (see Letters section) non-subscriber Tom Burch we have received an interesting article from the April 26th, 1985 edition of something called "Navy News & Undersea Technology". This pertains to a well-publicized incident on July 27th of last year, in which at least two people saw a glowing object crash into Puget Sound, Washington. About six months later, in January of this year, a group of amateur divers & others hired a boat, and two of the divers claimed to have come upon a gold-colored metallic object which "resembled an upside-down teacup with a lip on it." They claimed it did not look like a satellite, log, space rock, or any ordinary object. When the team went back the next day, however, the mystery object was gone, and in the meanwhile a Navy-type ship had been seen floating over the crash site.

The conclusion that ufologists dash for is that the Navy stole the

mystery object from the public, though of course the Navy denies this. From another news article, we learn that Naval scientist Dr. Bruce Macca-bee of UFO fame is one of those voicing this ominous opinion. To us, the fact that the Navy neglected to steal the object for about six months shows they didn't think it was very important. But then, who knows for sure???. . . .

ITEM: Big Jim Oberg has supplied us with a strange clipping from the June 16th Houston Chronicle, concerning an utterly wild UFO nut in Weslaco, Texas, named Nodrog (which is Gordon spelled backwards.) Nodrog and a handful of followers have been threatening Weslaco town officials for years, holding mock trials in the name of "Outer Dimensional Forces", and generally acting in an extremely hostile but physically harmless way. Now, however, three of Nodrog's followers have been arrested in an investigation of a bomb that blew up a car near where the Weslaco mayor works.

Our interest in this group is that, when we received national publicity about one of our UFO conventions several years ago, Nodrog got on to our case somehow, sent us several long rambling letters, and threatened to end your editor's life "on the physical plane" unless the convention discussed certain matters. For the first and only time in his life, your editor made a formal complaint against a fellow ufologist (sic!) Our complaint was to the post office dept., in regard to this gratuitous threat. However, the answer eventually came back from the p.o. that the threat was not specific enough to prosecute, and the matter was dropped by all concerned. (And naturally the p.o. neglected to ever return our letters!)

ITEM: A somewhat new book on cattle mutilation, written by Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, and reviewed for MUFON by "Smear" non-subscriber Robert Wanderer, reaches the same conclusion which Peter Jordan (another of our non-subscribers) reached some time ago: There is nothing truly weird or mysterious about the cattle mutilation syndrome. The name of the book in question is "Mute Evidence", published by Bantam Books.

Co-author Kagan, in the course of his investigations, also caught Dr. Leo Sprinkle "salting the mine" during a hypnotic session, i.e., Sprinkle blatantly asked Kagan to add some UFO imagery to a tale Kagan was relating under hypnosis. One wonders how many of the other people Sprinkle has hypnotized, re UFO abduction cases, etc., have had their stories suggested to them by the well-intentioned but somewhat gullible Dr. Sprinkle!

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FORGET THE URINE SPECIMEN, GENERAL.....

Pooper scooper is a flush of success

By STEPHEN K. DOIG
Herald Staff Writer

The crew of the space shuttle Challenger donned surgical masks and used a makeshift vacuum pooper scooper Thursday to round up floating bits of The Wrong Stuff.

The weighty problem of weightless waste drifting from the cages of their orbiting ark of monkeys and rats began a couple of days ago. It started when the astronauts

NEWS BRIEFIES:

Your editor is most pleased & gratified to announce that he has been accepted for membership in the prestigious Society for Scientific Exploration, which specializes in the study of anomalous phenomena such as ESP, UFOs, etc. Although most of the members seem to have PhDs and the like, your editor made it with only approximately half a Bachelor of Arts degree! Our thanks to Dr. Thornton Page, who convinced the Society to accept our membership application. (But we still can't get into MUFON!)..... In the course of our recent travels, we had a pleasant phone interview with Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS fame, who by now is in France to work on the UFO problem with the French government. Hynek has recently taken up permanent residence in Phoenix, Arizona, as indicated in a recent OMNI article. Hynek calls your humble editor "unique" in the UFO field, and we are gratified by his remark....We also visited the new CUFOS headquarters in Phoenix, which is staffed by volunteers. There we met & talked to one Matthew Kelley, a well-intentioned young man who apparently has much to learn about the UFO Scene....

There's a new monthly newsletter about, called FOCUS - this being a publication of the Fair Witness Project, Inc., which operates out of Bill Moore's address (4219 W. Olive St., #247, Burbank, Ca. 91505). Leading lights of this project include nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman and our own Kal K. Korff. Write Moore for details....And finally, another new saucer zine is being published by a fellow named John Anthony, P.O. Box 232, Desoto, Illinois 62924.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

JERRY CLARK of FATE Magazine writes as follows:

"When it comes to bloodcurdling tales of government UFO secrets, I'm full of the Will to Believe; but even one of my credulous nature is hard put to believe your yarn about the 'Star Wars'-UFO connection. For one thing, the story is full of logical problems. If, for example, the CIA wanted to fake a UFO case to serve policy purposes, wouldn't it make more sense to do one that suggested UFOs are both real and threatening, rather than one (the Westchester affair) suggesting they are neither?....

"In any case, my information is that the Westchester hoax began purely by accident, back in November 1982, when the daredevil pilots were doing their thing (i.e., daredevil flying) and realized, from overhearing radio communications between truckers below, that their planes were being mistaken for a giant UFO. That gave them the idea to start intentionally faking UFO sightings, and so was born the legend of the Boomerang from Outer Space. (This also puts the lie, incidentally, to believers' arguments that the pilots got into the act only belatedly, in an effort to imitate the 'real' UFO everybody was seeing.)"

Researcher TOM BURCH writes:

"Your Straith letter hoax of long ago must have given you a tremendous amount of personal enjoyment for many years. Just imagine the discussions, arguments, numerous letter inquiries, and the thousands of civilian and government man-hours/dollars that were no doubt expended (and therefore wasted) in an attempt to get to the bottom of it all. Then, after you had milked it for all it was worth, you simply sat down at your typewriter and admitted that it was all a gag - inspired by yourself, Barker, and a couple of bottles of West Virginia's best. Very amusing.

"Now you, as a serious journalist, announce THE STORY OF THE DECADE, and would like us commoners to take you at your word. Your 'Star Wars vs.

the UFOs' concoction sounds like the theme for a grade B movie. What's the matter, Jim? Are things in the UFO world too quiet to suit you? Do you really think it is necessary to fabricate yet another hoax to entertain yourself and your newfound skeptical chums?

"I became immediately suspicious of this newest scam when you attributed your news lead to 'a usually reliable source in Washington, D.C.' As anyone familiar with Washington life well knows - there are no reliable sources in Washington, only 'motivated' sources. Who is your motivated source, Jim? Could it be someone who stands to profit from making erstwhile ufologists run around like lemmings, looking for answers to nonexistent questions?

"The UFO mystery provides plenty of pitfalls to challenge legitimate researchers. I really don't think they need any new ones to overcome."

Kindly old PHIL KLASS writes:

"Of all the wild claims made by UFO promoters in 'Saucer Smear' and elsewhere, your claim that President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, better known as 'Star Wars', is simply a cover for a joint U. S. - Soviet effort to develop an effective defense against UFOs, certainly is the wildest I can remember!

"I can assure you that if there were any basis in fact for your wild tale, 'Aviation Week' magazine long ago would have heard the rumors, and published them.

"I happen to be on a first-name basis with Lt. Gen. James Abrahamson, known as 'Gen. Abe' to his friends, and with many of the top officials of his SDI office. But I can assure you I have never heard anything that could in any way confirm your story."

Former UFO researcher (turned music promoter) GENE STEINBERG writes:

"Your effort at being another Jack Anderson in your April 20th issue wasn't bad at all. There have long been rumors that the government knows more than it says about UFOs. It was once suspicioned by others that many so-called sightings were generated by agents to divert attention from the real mystery - whatever that is...."

The semi-mysterious TOMMY ROY BLANN writes:

"In your Vol. 32, No. 4, a 'reliable source' in Washington indicated that President Reagan's 'Star Wars' program, officially known as the 'Strategic Defense Initiative', is not really an attempt to develop an effective defense against Soviet missiles, but part of a joint U.S.-Soviet attempt to develop an effective defense against UFOs. I do not know who your source was, but I must say that he or she may be right on target!...."

Bigfootologist LARRY PETERS states:

"....I am in accord with those people who say the U.S. and Russia are jointly making an effort to solve this UFO situation. It is only logical they would both be interested because they have been to the outer limits and had a first-hand account...."

TOM BENSON of MUFON writes:

"....Your 'Smear' statement surprises me because it took you so long to realize that UFOs are the primary reason for the arms race as well as the space race. This is all possible preparations for the final war, the war of Armageddon, and if not, what role do extraterrestrials play in all this? The joint policy decision possibly was initiated at the Yalta Conference back in the late 1940's or before....."

Researcher JUDITH STARCHILD writes:

"....I was most impressed with John Timmerman's letter (on the back page of the current 'Smear'.) It would do Ufology a lot of good if other ufologists were as perceptive as he is. I couldn't personally express my own sentiments any better than he in regard to UFO study. But as to our search being a very long one, I tend to be of the mind that answers, even clues, are perceived according to one's individual ability to perceive, and that the UFO medium actually acts as an agent to develop human perception. Somehow the idea of scientific breakthrough for mass realization in this field seems to be more of a remote idea than gathering hard evidence of the UFO itself. We may as well hope for scientists to capture a ghost! The quest is certainly a worthy and enduring one, albeit ultimately a profoundly individual challenge...."

KEN BEHRENDT writes in regard to our article on Coral Castle:

"....Obviously, Ed Leedskalnin's display of chains and hoists was camouflage designed to misdirect the curious. I believe that the real secret of Coral Castle is contained in Ed's essay titled 'Ed's Sweet Sixteen', wherein we learn of his enormous sexual frustration and obsession with the sexual purity of sixteen year old girls. Perhaps at night, when there were no witnesses about, he would go into a state of extreme sexual excitement, during which he momentarily possessed the ability to levitate massive stones. At these times he may have used the normally inadequate hoists to move the stones into place. If this was the case, then Coral Castle is actually a stone monument to the power of the frustrated male libido. The late Wilhelm Reich would have understood."

We just hope our more prudish readers don't understand! - Editor.

FRANK BRUCKMANN teases us with:

"....It seems almost impossible that 'they' (the general public among others) have not wised up to the fact that you and a bunch of other 'old timers' have been pulling our legs for years. Flying saucers and little green men, indeed!"

Researcher GENE DUPLANTIER of Canada writes:

"....I know that my wife and I will miss Gray Barker very much. He was a true friend. What most people who read his stuff didn't know was that he wrote a lot of things with tongue in cheek. He had a terrific sense of humor, especially when he came out with his tricks and gags that he'd pull on unsuspecting ufologists who doted on every word he wrote. If they only knew the truth and knew him better!"

More of Barker's poetry will appear in our next issue (due out in about 2 weeks), when we expect to be less crowded for Space than we are now. - Ed.

Crime Watch's top cop charged with grand theft

Vampire-sighting report crosses up S.F. police

SAN FRANCISCO — When a panicky passerby reported seeing a woman vampire dripping with blood, police raided a Holiday Inn convention of comic book and science fiction fans. "Police barged through every door," said Monique Tiffany-Scott, who wore a vampire costume with theatrical blood on her chin and hands. "They looked very embarrassed when they realized they'd landed in the middle of a costume party." Other partygoers — some dressed as extraterrestrials or medieval executioners — at first thought the uniformed police were in costume, too. "The officers left immediately," Tiffany-Scott said.