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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

ITEM: Non-subscriber Bruce Walton has kindly sent us a copy of an interesting book he has just edited, called "Mount Shasta, Home of the Ancients". The book is published by Health Research, P.O. Box 70, Mokenne Hill, California 95245 (\$12.50 plus postage & handling).

Our involvement is with Chapter Two, which was reprinted with our permission from "Jim Moseley's Book of SAUCER NEWS" (1967), edited by Gray Barker. The material for Chapter Two, now called "The White Man's Legends of Mt. Shasta", originally appeared in a very early issue of SAUCER NEWS (circa 1955), under the pseudonym Richard Cohen. (Cohen was a co-operating friend in that era, and your editor didn't want it to look like he himself was doing all the writing.)

Unfortunately, as we have pointed out to Walton, neither Cohen nor Moseley actually wrote the SAUCER NEWS piece. It was "borrowed" from an old book about Mt. Shasta, which we happened to come upon at that time. We don't even remember the name of the book! Thus, this tale of legends is almost legendary in its own origin!

There are 25 chapters and over 130 pages in "Mount Shasta, Home of the Ancients". Undoubtedly a lot of it is bullshit, but we concur with the quotation on the forepiece of the book: "All of these stories may not agree together, yet in every one of them lay hid something of the truth, a grain of gold in the ore of fable that might be found by him who had the skill and strength to look."

ITEM: We have neglected to thank our friend & former ufological co-worker Timothy Green Beckley for having sent us a (free) poster from the hard-core pornographic movie he recently produced, called "Driller" - the title being a take-off on Michael Jackson's "Thriller".

What amazes & intrigues us is the way Tim runs a successful business from both ends of the moral spectrum - Porn on the one hand, and New Age Wisdom on the other. For Tim is also the editor of "UFO Review", the world's largest (and only) flying saucer magazine (% Global Communications 316 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.) In it, UFOs, religion, faith and fantasy know no bounds.

How does Tim do it? Is he a hypocrite, a hoaxter, a money-grubber, or just a shrewd business man? Only his lawyers know for sure; but Tim has often said, "I just give them what they want." And who can argue with that?

Tim Beckley has often called us "negative" in our approach to the UFO subject, but basically we have no quarrel with each other. Though long banished by conservative ufologists, Tim remains a member of the Permanent Organizing Committee of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), of which your humble "Smear" editor is Permanent Chairman.

May each of us find his or her own road to Truth, however strange that road may be!

ITEM: The National Enquirer's stable of "leading psychics" offers us the following predictions (among others) for the second half of 1985:

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A giant earthquake in Peru will expose an ancient Indian city, and at its center will be an abandoned UFO; Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner will become a born-again Christian and will turn his famous Playboy mansion into a religious retreat; Several cargo ships will disappear in the Bermuda Triangle; Surfers on a remote California beach will discover the body of a real mermaid; Princess Stephanie of Monaco will shock her tiny nation by posing nude for a Playboy centerfold; Space shuttle astronauts will see a ghost on board their craft, and sophisticated NASA equipment will sense its presence; and - the ghost of Steve McQueen will be seen wandering around his ranch and the hangar where he kept his antique airplane collection.

For flying saucer fans, the juiciest prediction of all is that a Colorado TV news crew will capture a spectacular UFO on film, and it's going to convince many experts that extraterrestrials are real - according to the Enquirer.

So now you know what to watch for, and what to watch out for!

ITEM: From (relatively) new non-subscriber Ashtar Herron Lee we have received a UFO theory which, quite seriously, strikes us as both new and interesting. Ashtar believes that, rather than misidentifying planes as UFOs, people who are near airports are actually doing the exact opposite in many cases. The saucers deliberately come in looking something like conventional aircraft, just to make it hard to tell the difference. The people make the assumption that these plane-like UFOs are really planes, whereas 25% or more of the "normal" air traffic around an airport actually consists of UFOs. This is why so many air traffic controllers drink, take drugs, attempt suicide, or otherwise Crack Up. They know what's going on, can't do anything about it, and buckle under from the constant Stress.

How does Ashtar know this? (This is the weird part.) The UFOs in question are, according to him, the "Pharae", "Fairies", "angels", "elementals", "gods/goddesses", or whatever you choose to call them. Ashtar, though apparently an ordinary earthman, is their ruler, or "pharon pharae". Even though he is their ruler, he admits that he has a great deal of trouble controlling them; but he is still working on this problem.

Ashtar's letters are rational and intriguing, & we are very glad to have him a-Bored!

Moseley fights to stay on map

MOSELEY, Okla. (AP) — Mapmakers said they couldn't find anything here, so they left Moseley off the 1984 state map.

Look again, says Jay Hannah, the town's self-proclaimed "official envoy."

"We have a school, two Baptist churches, a cemetery and the Pittman garage and music store," said Hannah, a Guthrie

Pine Bush teacher may be spaceman



"Boy! I'm glad you're still awake. I was captured by a UFO and taken to another planet."

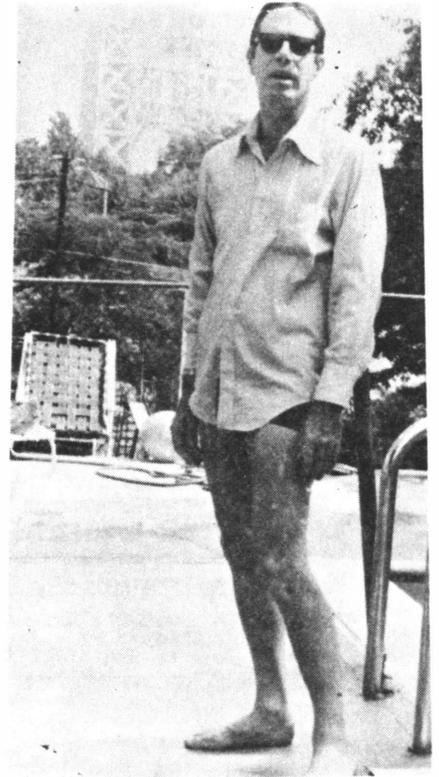


SOCIAL PAGE

Above we see a group of somewhat serious researchers gathered together at a recent dinner party, at the home of Dr. Thornton Page, who is a former NASA scientist. Left to right are: famed anti-saucerer Jim Oberg; Dr. Page; a weird space creature dressed in a NASA jacket; and your humble "Smear" editor. The creature is in reality a "life sized" doll which Oberg brought along to add to the festivities. Missing from the photo are astronaut Karl Henize plus the wives of the four participants in the party.

To the right we have another strange entity, photographed about ten years ago next to a swimming pool in Fort Lee, N.J. The entity was thereupon dubbed Swimming Pool Man, as distinct from Tomato Man, Mothman, Piltdown Man, Bigfoot, Flatfoot, etc. Have you ever sighted this creature in your neighborhood or near your pool (if you have one)?

Finally, we have an unrelated (?) photo & story from a newspaper in Akron, Ohio (our thanks to non-subscriber John Cook). It seems that Rev. Mosley (one "E", not two!) was jailed briefly for failing to remove a vast amount of junk from around his home. We have written to Rev. Mosley offering our sympathy, but have received no reply from him as yet.



The Rev. James Mosley

Junk at home lands man back in jail

NEWS BRIEFIES:

UFO researcher "John Anthony", alias Gilbert Ziemba, has apparently died suddenly. He recently started a saucer zine called "The UFO Forum Newsletter", which we "plugged" in the last "Smear". It is not clear why he used a pseudonym.

We had corresponded with Ziemba off and on over a period of several years, but never met him. Ziemba had served three long stretches in various prisons, but had gone "straight" and seemed healthy & prosperous at the time of his death. Quite sad!...

The July 16th "National Examiner" (a scientific journal?) tells us of a gay Bigfoot in China which, though otherwise docile, has been caught molesting little boys. This creature allegedly stands nearly 8 feet tall and weighs about 350 pounds. He was captured once, according to the story, but managed to escape. If Space permits, we will include a drawing of this pathetic creature on this page....

Press-Time FLASH: Astronaut Karl Henize, mentioned on Page 3 of this issue, has had his space shuttle flight aborted just before liftoff, on July 13th. Henize, who has been with the Space Program for 18 years waiting for his opportunity to go Up, will now have to wait at least another week or two. We hope he makes it!...

Joseph Newman, the inventor discussed in the news article on Page 3 of our last "Smear", apparently has really devised a machine which produces more energy than it consumes. A follow-up article about him, in the May 23rd Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, tells us that Newman took his machine to Washington and successfully demonstrated it to a crowd of newsmen and engineers. But as of this writing, the patent office still seems to have no serious interest in his invention! - Strange indeed!....

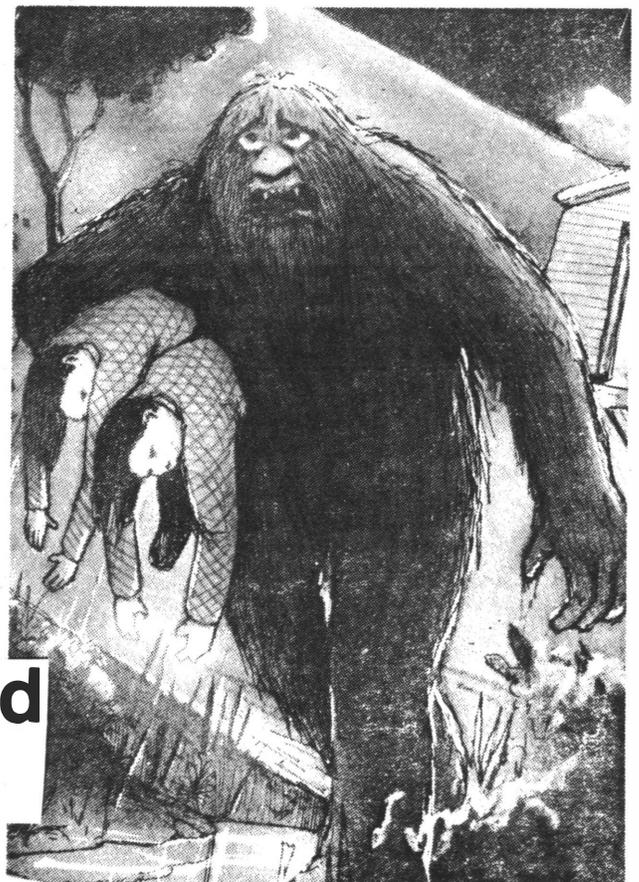
Sex in Outer Space, you ask? Why not, we answer! It will come too late for Sally Ride and the other pioneer lady astronauts, but a recent article in "Psychology Today" magazine discusses the fact that as early as 1992 we must expect and accept "intimate behavior" between males & females in the USA's first permanent space station....

Finally - we believe that next year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) annual convention will probably take place on the second weekend of June, hosted by Hal Starr of Phoenix, Arizona. Further details in future issues of "Smear".

Testicles endangered by break dancing

By G. TIMOTHY JOHNSON, M.D.

Break dancers, beware. Several recent reports in the medical literature have warned that break dancing can cause injuries.



MILD-MANNERED Bigfoot has more than passing interest in young boys.

Our olde pal Bob ("Raving Robert") SCHILLER writes:

"Dear Ultimate Supreme Commander Maximus, etc:

"....How come you are exposing the ecstatic Ricklesham (sic) Forest case? Why not leave that to CSICOP? I mean, like what the hell, man - even the Nerds won't believe in UFOs if you keep up with this expose crap! Like, are you trying to put yourself out of business? Who will ever non-subscribe to 'Smear' if you get everybody to believe that ufology is a bunch of shit? Maybe it is, but let's have a little fun with it for awhile yet!

"The latest issue of FATE has Curtis Fuller really picking on the skeptics; and why not, man? Life without mystery is dryer than week old dog shit! Why are Klass, Sheaffer, and all the gang at CSICOP so hot on squelching UFOs, when 95% of the population doesn't give a shit about them one way or the other? (About Klass or the UFOs!) Why not let the 5% have their little fantasies? I mean, like, so what? There isn't even one UFO mag on the stands for years now!

"Why are Oberg, Klass, and Sheaffer so hot to jump on the bullshit that pops out of crap tabloids like 'Weekly World News', 'The Sun', etc? It sounds to me like CSICOP is paranoid. The only people I know who believe the tabloids are real fruitcakes. Most people I see looking at the tabloids are laughing their butts off at the screwball headlines!..."

Non-subscriber BARRY GREENWOOD, co-author of "Clear Intent", writes:

"Dear Purveyor of Smear:

"....Since 'Clear Intent' had no little role in presenting 'Art Wallace' to the world, I should comment on your 'RendleSHAM' review. I'll keep it short for 'Saucer Smear', but if you wish elaboration on some points, please let me know:

"(1) The 'Probe Report' article was more an investigation of the British investigators than of the case itself. Note that SCUFORI itself said: '...It was not SCUFORI's intention to investigate the sightings.' Furthermore, they say: '...key witnesses were not interviewed.' And the landing site investigation took place two years after the incident. No wonder the SCUFORI investigators saw little evidence on the case!

"(2) The tape recording is authentic, confirmed by Col. Halt himself in interviews by MUFON's Nebraska representative, Ray Boeche, and also by Lee Spiegel of New York. Halt could have squashed the whole thing by saying it was a fabrication, but he didn't. Also, the tape is essentially confirmation of the second half of the Halt memo, which may be read in 'Clear Intent'. It would have been far more sensational to add wild details to the tape if it were a hoax, rather than have it agree with already-documented information.

"(3) Larry 'Art Wallace' Warren expressed early reticence in being identified with the case, since no one else had come forward at that point (Feb. 1983), which is why he was given a pseudonym. Later, after reassurances by Larry Fawcett and myself that it was unlikely retaliation by his former employers would take place, and that it would be better if a 'real person' were to be identified with the case, Warren came forward. The quote attributed to him in 'Sky Crash' is, according to Warren, a ridiculous exaggeration of his feelings on the matter and are not his words.

"(4) According to voice stress authorities who have worked with my co-author Larry Fawcett, an analysis of a tape recording made from television is not reliable because extraneous signals in the broadcasting process add noise to the recording, and it cannot be regarded as scientific. This is not a statement on Warren's interpretation of this part of the story, pro or con. It is simply a question of the signal-usability of TV tape recordings in a voice stress test...."

Researcher BLAINE HAMRICK of Texas writes:

"...I must dismiss your dismissal of the Rendlesham Forest case. Now, perhaps the authors of the British book on the case are overzealous Ufologists....but this seems to be going off on a very unbelievable tangent. The 'conservative British Ufologist' sounds like a Klass Klone, in that he goes out of his way to find explanations other than that something unusual happened or a UFO was sighted.

"I think it would be most wise if someone who can deal with the case on a non-emotional basis were to continue the investigation. It is quite possible that there is an explanation no one seems willing to consider - that there was an unusual event in the Rendlesham Forest, but that it was not a UFO. Perhaps it was a nuclear missile that was accidentally launched from the base, which then crashed in the forest. Impossible, you say? It has happened once already, when a missile in Arkansas blew up after a technician dropped a wrench in the wrong place. The nuclear warhead was thrown up out of the silo and out onto the ground!...

"I have a contact who is under the command of Col. Halt, and from this source I can assure you of the fact that something happened which the military and Col. Halt in particular did not understand and became extremely concerned about...."

We simply feel that RendleSHAM is not a proven UFO case, but a very un-proven one! - Editor.

Contactee WAYNE AHO of Tacoma, Washington, writes:

"....Re your April 20th bulletin, the fellow from Portland (John Merrell) is obviously unaware that dowers were used by American forces in Africa in World War II to supply our forces with water. Dowsing is an old art going back into the ages. Many telephone & water outfits use equipment to locate underground cables and water lines.

"Re any insulting remarks, it is pertinent to know some people are involved in watching or insulting others. Others are into Events & Pioneering....I'd rather go ahead & learn, discover. There will always be those who would rather talk.

"Where was this Dude when I was on Omaha Beach on D-Day or training our forces in the USA and Europe? Enough of that...."

"Oh yes, the Indian word (referred to by Merrell) is Chinook, not Shinook. If the fellow wants more background, I am also in CCC alumni, also past commander VFW; also military order of the Purple Heart. Only a beginning...."

"Who were the ones in history who persecuted Columbus, Galileo, Copernicus, etc? What were their names??...."

"He who knows not & knows not that he knows not - he is unteachable; shun him. He who knows not & knows he knows not - he is willing; teach him. He who knows & knows he knows not - he is wise. Follow him."

GREG LONG of the Mighty MUFON writes:

"Dear Holy One:

"I responded with convulsive terror to the 'X' on my latest 'Saucer Smear' received today. I regret not writing as I should, and beg your forgiveness, Holy See. I have been involved in my study of Nocturnal Light phenomena on the Yakima Indian Reservation.

"Let me say that I enjoy immensely your great work, oh Holy One. However, the letters of late in 'Smear' are quite boring. I especially enjoyed the spate of anti-Klass letters that practically filled several of your issues last year (and of which I contributed a modest but acidic offering). Now it seems that the spunk has been spent on that kicking horse,

leaving us little to despise.

"Mr. Beckjord's ravings are engaging, but reek with paranoia and narcissism, soon leading to a stale taste.

"I wonder if the issue of your skepticism can be blown up more fully, engorged, so to speak, on your fast-swelling suspicion of anecdotal UFO 'evidence'. I do believe you owe your audience an explanation for what I interpret to be a change of heart. It is one thing to be a 'boil', but another to justify the exudation from the sore.

"By the way, when was the last time you investigated a UFO sighting? Do not take that question negatively. I merely wonder if you have slid into your skepticism due to an avoidance of 'real-life' experiences with strong UFO cases, such as the independent, multiple-witness type.

"I look forward to future issues. I hope that my great work on the Yakima Indian Reservation will be well received. More on that later...."

As we've stated, we investigated RendleSHAM a bit, to renew the Faith, but it didn't work. - Editor.

ALLEN BENZ, formerly of APRO, writes:

"Overheard at MUFON '85: Graffiti on a wall at White Sands:

I saw a disc up in the air
A silver disc that wasn't there
I saw some more such discs today
I wish the things would go away! "

Researcher LINDY WHITEHURST writes as follows:

"....Dr. James Oberg commented that if I noted any UFOs coming from the direction of Mexico, I should look no further than low-flying drug smugglers. I would think everyone knows about them. But UFOs' flight characteristics in the better cases show sharp, erratic movements, bright multi-colored lights, and extreme accelerations - while drug smugglers' aircrafts are noted widely for their slow, constant movements with lights out much of the time to avoid border patrol aircraft. I can't imagine how anyone can confuse drug smugglers with UFOs, with such radically different descriptions. One apparently puts on quite a show, while the other deliberately tries to avoid being seen. I just expected a better effort from Dr. Oberg."

Oberg is a great guy, but has no doctorate as far as we know. - Editor.

And finally, our pal RON SCHAFFNER writes:

"....We are supposed to believe that the Roswell incident is a valid crashed saucer case. After 38 years, the alleged stories continue, with added pieces of second-hand testimony. We are blessed with an astronomical number of corroborating witnesses. Are we dealing with second generation hearsay? For the sake of argument, let us assume that 90 witnesses observed a strange craft in the sky and then it appeared to be on a crash course toward the earth. Why, I ask, does it have to be an extraterrestrial craft?

"Why do all these crashed disc incidents happen in the vicinity of White Sands Proving Ground? The Believers will claim the UFOs are observing our military technology. That is a sound and reasonable conclusion, but it is not the only explanation that can be reached....The bottom line is that evidence is surfacing that a terrestrial craft may have gone astray....One final note: If all the crashed saucer stories are true, then they are crashing at a higher rate than the commercial airlines!"

We look forward to more on this from Ron & his co-worker Charles Wilhelm.
-Ed.

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Dear Jim,

I, of course, continue to enjoy your scholarly journal. You, indeed, have opened a window to the psyche of ufology, and you deserve much credit for your efforts in this direction. If only the straight magazines (other than the enlightened Fate and Omni) knew what juicy gems your publication contained every month, you might run The Weekly World News right out of business.

But enough of this praise.

Now to the matter at hand. I thought I would let you read an edited tidbit from my next book, CURIOUS ENCOUNTERS, due out from Faber & Faber, Boston and London, during the fall of 1985. Although I do not want to reveal the specific context of the passage, as I wish to keep a few surprises until publication, I figured you might get a kick out of what I've written about you, anyway.

In my chapter on "Patterns," I write:

"Perhaps the name game is at play here too, as the years since...have seen a James Moseley become one of the foremost figures in ufology. Moseley's personal and folksy style has made his name a buzz-word in the field. He is viewed as an appealing and popular figure among hundreds of flying saucer buffs, and he annually receives national recognition awards in huge meetings ignored by the media."

Now don't let your narcissism get you carried away.

Best wishes,


Loren Coleman