

"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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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Here's a very sad item: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) and acknowledged leader of American ufology, had an operation for removal of a brain tumor on September 24th, in a hospital in San Francisco. His wife tells us that he will be recovering at their home in Phoenix, Arizona.

Earlier, Hynek was reported to be ill at the MUFON conference in Massachusetts, this past August. At that time the doctors could find nothing wrong.

We sincerely wish Hynek a speedy recovery. Ufology is not doing very well even with his help, and the field would doubtlessly tend to fall apart further without him....

On the night of Sept. 26th, your somewhat fearless, ever-humble editor spent the night alone in a haunted house called The Myrtles near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In fact this house, which is part of a 200-year-old plantation, is known as the most haunted house in America! There are more ghosts there than anyone can count, largely due to a series of murders in the early 19th century.

You may ask - what did we see, hear or (shudder!) feel?? For the answers to these and other burning questions, you must read our write-up about the place which hopefully will appear in FATE Magazine within the next few months. Watch for it!

Jerry Clark of FATE, who is mad at us because of our recent negative editorial about the RendleSHAM case, nevertheless told us on the phone that he will be looking forward to the article....

Our friend Barry Hoffman has brought to our attention a group called SPWAO (try pronouncing that!), which stands for Small Press Writers and Artists Organization. According to the brochure, SPWAO is "an international association of writers, artists, editors, and poets who create and produce within the broad fields of science fiction, fantasy, and horror." With "Smear", your editor easily qualifies under all three categories, but we

have not yet joined. If you are interested in this group, write to Audrey Parente, 411 Main Trail, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074. Send a brief statement of your qualifications, if any....

FLASH! Non-subscriber Blaine Hamrick has sent us a fascinating "now it can be told" story of a female Airman (an Airperson?) named Simone Mendez who has corresponded with him about an experience she had while working in the communications room of Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, in January of 1982. A Top Secret message came in, to the effect that Air Force electronic surveillance systems had detected a cluster of objects entering the solar system from deep space. Two to four of these objects were detected entering the earth's atmosphere a few minutes later, according to the Top Secret message Mendez received. The objects then went over the Soviet Union at low altitude, and remained for over an hour in the vicinity of Moscow!

Airman Mendez was eventually questioned by the FBI, etc. about this matter, and was found to have a copy of this Top Secret document in her apartment. She was charged with espionage, for which the maximum penalty is life imprisonment. That night Mendez unsuccessfully attempted suicide. She was then confined to the base for several weeks, for "psychiatric evaluation". Eventually her Top Secret clearance was permanently revoked, but the espionage charges were quietly dropped.

There are more details to the story, but the "punch line" is that the message in question was eventually determined to be a hoax on the part of some unnamed person at its point of origin. Hamrick and others who had been questioned about the matter were then told that they were free to talk about it, but Airman Mendez was nevertheless required to sign an affidavit of secrecy - which she broke by sending the complete story to ufologist Len Stringfield. Stringfield chose to keep most of the details secret for his own reasons, but printed part of the story in his "Status Report III". The present "Smear" account is thus the first public presentation, in outline form, of the whole uncensored story.

Incidentally, a somewhat similar but different tale of a fake Top Secret document will be written up by arch-skeptic Phil Klass in the next issue of the "Skeptical Inquirer". Phil has sent us a rough draft of the article, but he says that until publication in the "Inquirer" it is **KLASSIFIED!....**



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There's a "Really Big" international Conclave taking place in San Jose, Costa Rica, on October 14th-19th, which may or may not be attended by John Keel, Charles Berlitz, Jacques Vallee, and Tim Beckley, plus many Spanish-speaking researchers from around the world. The theme is psychic research, rather than UFOs, and the title of the meeting is "In Search of New Frontiers of Science" or (en espanol) "En Busca de las Neuvas Fronteras de la Ciencia". Your editor had hoped to attend, but circumstances do not permit. Hopefully we'll have a report for our next issue from one of the attendees....

A non-subscriber who (understandably!) has asked not to be identified, gives us the following Wild Rumor which was passed around at the recent MUFON convention in Massachusetts: It seems that, according to Bud Hopkins' "Missing Time", the Aliens sometimes insert little "spheres" up the nostrils of abductees, presumably to keep in touch with them afterwards. Therefore, it might be supposed that Ronald Reagan's recent operation for skin cancer on his nose was in reality an operation to remove such an alien "sphere". The skin cancer story was just a cover-up, see?? Come to think of it, Dr. Stephen Kurzweil might be just the person to ask about this. (See his letter further on in this issue.) He is an expert both on skin and abductions....

Please note that the letter on the back page of this issue was received from the Society for Scientific Exploration before their "negative" letter which we printed in our last issue. This is the basis on which we insist that our membership in that august body lives on!

PRESS-TIME FLASH! Loren Coleman's new book, "Curious Encounters", is just out, published by Faber & Faber. Price: \$11.95. Buy it!



LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Bigfootologist & 3½-D philosopher ERIC BECKJORD writes:

"Dear Saucer Smear-ites:

"I read once again the ramblings of a depressed Moseley - a decline in faith due to finding no solid evidence. I therefore take temporary leave of cryptozoology (but not my senses!) to take a stab at ufological theory, as I once did in The Journal of UFO Studies, #3.

"Ufologists take note that in my humble opinion, UFOs will never be found to be solid and physical in our terms. Thus they are not ever 'proven', and there is no such thing as a 'proven case'. However, the phenomenon continues daily, and I strongly suspect that Vallee, Hynek and Andrus are right - we are dealing with 'Ultraterrestrials', who exist as perhaps alternate dimensional beings, thought manifestations of sleeping humans, or pure energy forms that cannot register physically in ways we recognize.

"But that doesn't mean UFOs are folklore, nor does it mean that they don't exist. It is just that they are beyond our current means of registering or measuring. I mean, for example, how do you weigh a thought? Or a beam of light?

"Take heart, record what you can, and resist CSICOPers who gloat and are unable to grasp such simple concepts as these written above."

PHIL KLASS, the Master Blaster ("Fanning the Flames of Feud"), writes as follows:

"....The latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' arrived today, with Tommy R. Blann's ominous prediction of terrible times to come for the UFO skeptics 'after September 3rd, 1985.' As it is now Sept. 9th, clearly I shall never again enjoy a good night's sleep, initially waiting and wondering what catastrophe awaits us, and then suffering the dreadful aftermath when it occurs. Please, please, Tommy, 'say it ain't so.'"

And, the above-mentioned TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

"It was my understanding that the information which I was given from a reliable source was to be released Sept. 3rd, 1985 in federal court, but apparently this court date was a preliminary hearing to set the actual court date if and when it gets into court. So, it looks like I have opened my mouth and inserted my foot, since everyone will be thinking that what I said was full of bullshit.

"I can say that it concerns the Cash/Landrum Case, and the information was obtained when a friend and I went to visit Mrs. Landrum in Dayton. I feel that if these two women have their day in court, and the information is factual, it could blow the lid right off the UFO cover-up! I am not exaggerating this one bit. I am telling you what I have been told without jeopardizing the federal lawsuit.

"Mrs. Cash has undergone surgery again on her other breast, and she has also suffered another mild heart attack. I certainly hope that she is alive when the time comes for their evidence to be presented to the court. Mrs. Landrum is also not doing very well, and she is continuing to have health problems. I feel sorry for both of these women, especially the elderly Mrs. Landrum.

"Again, Jim, I am sorry that I cannot say more about this case at this time. It is extremely interesting, and gets more interesting the deeper one digs. All kinds of snakes in the grass and termites in the woodworks!"

CARLOS MENTIRA, one of our very favorite people, writes:

"That was a touching poem on the back page of your last issue. It

beautifully expressed the feelings of an aging ufologist such as yourself, who sees his co-workers dying out over the years.

"Barker was, however, a better poet than you will ever be..."

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of Jolly Olde England writes as follows:

"So you think the 'six mile wide' UFO over China is the largest UFO in history. Brother, you are wrong. I refer you to the May 1916 issue of 'The Observatory', where the astronomer E. Walter Maunder describes the 'thing' seen by him over Greenwich Observatory on Nov. 17th, 1882. It was also seen elsewhere in Europe, and was estimated to be over fifty miles long and about 133 miles up. It became a famous astronomical sighting, and is now known to have been part of a spectacular auroral display then in progress; but some authors still prefer to call it a UFO. It was moving at some 10 miles per second!

"So there you are. By this dreadful omission, it is hardly surprising that you risk being expelled from the Society for Scientific Exploration...."

"P.S: Have you heard the latest rumor? The Titanic did not strike an iceberg after all. It was a UFO! Now, print that if you dare!"

The Mighty COLMAN VONKEVICZKY writes as follows to non-subscriber Tom Burch, who criticized Colman in our last issue:

"Dear Mr. Burch:

"Thanks for your 'dedicated' message in the 'Saucer Smear' 32/7/p5 and for your 'delicate' opinion about me and our activity. This confirmation now is an 'assorted delicacy' for us to serve you the following:

"(1) I am a Hungarian American. Son of a small freedom-loving nation, which fought from 1919 over the World War II against the communist tyranny, and during the 1956 revolution was the first, which throw into the dust the 'Old Joe'.

"(2) I was a Major and Chief of the Audio Visual Military Education Dept. of the former Royal Hungarian General Staff and Ministry of Defense. 'In what organization did I achieve the rank of Major?' A great thanks for your brilliant and supreme military knowledge, Mr. Burch! Now I realized that the U.S. SALVATION ARMY IS COMMANDED BY THE PENTAGON! (Congratulations!)

"(3) MMSE(MSE) is the abbreviation of the Military University degree: Master of Military Science and Engineering. I received it in 1932, at the Royal Hungarian Ludovika Military Academy, Budapest. This historical Academy was established in 1740, by the Empress of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Maria Theresia, I am sorry to mention - 40 years before the West Point!! But how about Your education, not familiar with education degrees except and only 'Ruthie's spaceship and Williard (McIntyre)?'....."

Moseley

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Moseley may trim earnings

Afraid You're Going Crazy? Don't Worry

Skeptic JOHN MERRELL writes as follows about the "classic" 1950 Trent photographs, which were featured in Life Magazine at the time:

"....During the past three weeks I have taken the time to spend some time in McMinnville, Oregon. Following a visit to the local newspaper - in 1950 known as the Telephone Register - I have found some interesting notes. (The late) Frank Edwards played a key role in designating the Trent photographs as creditable. Also, on July 6th, 1950, the Telephone Register reported that 'three Willamina firemen....reported an object in the sky. The object appeared to resemble the pictures taken by Paul Trent two months ago.' (Willamina is about 10 miles from the original photo site.) Interestingly, in going back and looking into the case, this bit of information appears to have been somewhat sensationalized. One of the men mentioned in the article didn't even recall the incident, and another claimed to have seen it during the early morning, whereas the article stated between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

"A brief discussion with Mrs. Trent and with community figures still living in the area leads me to suspect a hoax that quickly got out of hand. In visiting the original site, it is clear that one would not stand in the position in which the photograph was taken unless, I believe, the intent was to fabricate a hoax. I believe anyone visiting the site and spending any length of time examining the original foundation of the home, its entrances and exits, and the location of former trees outside - and the infamous telephone and power lines, would reach no other conclusion. I hope the Trents decide to tell what could be a very interesting story about the gullibility of a nation caught in awe, and the scramble of the media eager to build upon the story.

"There is in any case no doubt in my mind that the Trents enjoyed the publicity - and a trip to New York for publicity on the 'We the People' radio and television shows - in 1950, but have come to discover it is a burden to carry for 35 years. Perhaps they can yet be encouraged to finally tell the true events of 1950 and of the months and years following their initial report."

We reluctantly agree that the Trent photos are probably fake. - Editor.

BOB ("Raving Robert") SCHILLER raves:

"....Now, about your devastating expose of the Society for Scientific Exploration: Thank you for exposing these unspeakable Wall Street imperialists! Smash these Capitalist slave bosses, etc., etc., etc....."

STEPHEN J. KURZWEIL, M.D., writes:

"Please renew my non-subscription to your esteemed publication for my delight and confusion. I have just been totally lost in $3\frac{1}{2}$ -D hyper-space without the real facts which you so openly dare to face!

"Thank you, Jim, and remember - you are right!

"Yours truly, Steve (Kurzweil) for Abductees for UFO Secrecy"

Yes I know I am right. Now, if I could just remember who I am! - Editor.

KEN BEHRENDT of AURA writes as follows, regarding our last issue:

"The piece on digital images was of interest to me. Such a technology could be of use as a navigational aid to saucer pilots. Perhaps as they fly their craft along, images from television cameras embedded in their craft's hull are computer-processed and then used to generate a three-dimensional diorama before the pilot's eyes that shows his craft and its relation in space to the apparently moving terrain below him and any other craft around him. He would fly his vehicle by adjusting its

motion with respect to the generated scenery instead of visually with respect to external scenery as earthly aircraft pilots must do. Such a system would be able to enhance external images so the pilot could view them at night or at frequencies of the spectrum ordinarily invisible....

"I was sorry to read that the Cash/Landrum UFO case is dying a slow entropic death due to 'silencer' type activities. I consider it to be 100% genuine and an exemplary radiation injury incident. It is a sad fact that practically any UFO case can be made to appear to be of questionable authenticity if one tries hard enough. (After all, there are people out there who still refuse to accept the fact that American astronauts have landed on the Moon!) To achieve progress in ufology, we must try to avoid endlessly picking any particular case to shreds, but rather try to pick out the repeated patterns in large collections of cases...."

We agree that Cash/Landrum is a very important, probably authentic case of something real having been seen. However, we disagree with Ken's statistical approach as described above. Ufology desperately needs one really proven case, not many almost-proven ones! - Editor.

THE POETRY OF GRAY BARKER (Continued)

Below is another gem (?) from our collection of Barker's unpublished works. (Anyone who thinks we make this stuff up is welcome to travel to our office at their own expense and examine the manuscripts, which we publish unedited.) The poem below is from an unfinished epic called "Seven Sagas"

THREE VIEWS ON THE ATOMIC BOMB

The Surrealist

O core of infinite soliloquy!
Hands upon the vast clock.
Hear the atom bomb
Sounding large and booming like grapes!

The Modernist

A-Bing! A-Bang! A-Boom!
Goes the atom bomb.
A-Bing! A-Bang! A-Boom!
Goes the atom bomb.

A-Bing! A-Bang! A-Boom!
Goes the atom bomb
Just like my heart goes for you!

The Neo-Modernist

The atom bombs fell all around last night
Blowing up everyone in sight.
The general consensus in town
Is that everyone must go underground.

Conclusions by the Author

O core of infinite soliloquy!
Hands upon the vast clock.
Hear the atom bomb
Sounding large and booming like grapes!



Man nabbed stealing street

Joseph Monkiewicz has entered a guilty plea after city officials caught him stealing a city street.

The Philadelphia man, 36, was digging up the paving blocks on Mifflin Street and selling them for \$1 apiece. Nobody bothered to question him until an employee of a business on the street called city officials to find out when the stones would be replaced.

Monkiewicz, who had sold off 16,300 blocks by the time he was caught, said he'd been having financial problems. He pleaded guilty to theft and conspiracy.

Editor's Note: The following letter was received from the Society before the "negative" letter printed in our last issue of "Smear".



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Dear Mr. Moseley:

I am pleased to inform you that the Membership Committee and the Council have accepted your application for membership. A word about our long lead time. The Membership Committee is spread around the United States and must conduct their business by mail. This takes time. Then the Council must approve their recommendations and the Council only meets twice a year. Hopefully we can speed up the procedure in the future.

Enclosed is a form requesting information for our directory (which I am working on) and additional information that helps the Society function. Please return this form along with your 1985 dues (\$10 for the half year) at your earliest convenience.

We have just completed a very successful meeting in Charlottesville. Our next meeting will probably be in late May '86 in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

I look forward to your participation in the affairs of the Society and, I remain

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