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- GREG LONG (MUFON Staff Writer), writing in the December 10th, 1985 issue of "Saucer Smear"

"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:

It's almost a year since Gray Barker's untimely death, and we still miss him as much as ever. Many non-subscribers were confused because we wrote a somewhat unfavorable obituary about him; but we, in our perverse way, do this to everyone, in the interests of Truth in Ufology. (Also, the dead don't sue.)

Gray was one of our closest friends, and life will never be the same without him. Incidentally, his estate still has not been settled after all this time. All we hope to get out of it is some home movies Gray took of our daughter Betty many years ago, when she was cute and cuddly.

Nostalgia is beautiful, but it can also be very sad....

Our article about "the most haunted house in America", which we visited recently & wrote up for FATE Magazine, has been turned down "for insufficient research", regarding the 200-year history of this fascinating plantation house. So we'll have to come right out & tell you the horrible, disgusting truth: Though we slept alone in this ancient Louisiana mansion, we saw and heard nothing at all even remotely supernatural. We even admitted this in the article, which may or may not have something to do with why the article was turned down. C'est la vie!....

In contrast to our poor treatment at the hands of FATE, your editor has become some sort of (unpaid) consultant to OMNI Magazine on matters esoteric, as several of the editors are now non-subscribers, and consult with us by phone when the Spirit moves them. We are most happy to be of help, and have gone so far as to take out a (paid) subscription to the magazine.

We did, however, receive a free review copy of a new soft-cover book called "OMNI's Catalog of the Bizarre", edited by Pamela Weintraub,



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one of the editors there who non-subscribes to our zine. We haven't actually read the book (do we ever??), but it looks like an excellent compilation of vignettes, taken from the pages of OMNI's famous "AntiMatter" column. We highly recommend this tome to all those unafflicted with excessive True Belief. The publisher is Doubleday of Garden City, N.Y. The price, though not modest, is modestly placed at the top of the back cover. It is \$9.95.....

Riley Crabb has resigned as director of the Borderland Sciences Research Foundation of Vista, California. He is succeeded by Thomas Thompson, whom we do not know. BSRF was founded way back in 1946 by the late Meade Layne, making this the oldest UFO organization in existence - though they deal with many other offbeat subjects more than with UFOs. BSRF was severely criticized in the early days of ufology for promoting 4-D saucers which were capable of "mat" and "demat". In more recent years, 4-D (or even $3\frac{1}{2}$ -D) has become acceptable in mainstream ufological circles (e.g., Vallee, Keel, etc.), whereas in 1946 it was considered pure crackpottery. My, how times have changed, or have they???.

Ego Dept: On the afternoon of Oct. 29th, your editor was on WNWS Radio (again) in Miami, this time with talk show host Steve Kane, raving about UFOs and such. Our olde pal Alan Burke, formerly of WNEW-TV in New York City, now has a radio show at WNWS, and has promised to do an interview with us shortly....

More Ego: On Nov. 8th, your editor spoke on grave-robbing to the Broward County Archaeological Society of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (a few miles north of Miami.) This was our first lecture, ever, on this fascinating subject, though we once wrote up our experiences for Argosy Magazine many years ago, and once did a 5-hour radio show on the subject, with the late Long John Nebel of New York.

Among the esteemed members of the above-mentioned Archaeological Society are Charles Berlitz (who has recently re-non-subscribed to "Smear") and James ("The Amusing") Randi of magical fame. One can well imagine that these two luminaries do not see eye to eye on many, many matters. But this is a swinging, loosely-knit Society, and apparently all views are welcome - as should be the case....

Imagine our surprise when we learned that the Nov. 12th issue of The National Examiner (a grade or two below the Enquirer) ran a half-page article based on our infamous "Star Wars" editorial in the April 20th issue of "Smear"! The Examiner obtained the story from FATE Magazine, not from us. As usual we enjoy the free publicity, but we find it amusing that the only thing a tabloid has ever "stolen" from us, turns out to be the wildest story we have ever printed!

Never mind that in the following issue of "Smear" (July 1st) we admitted that we ourselves have very little faith in the validity of the story. The tabloids don't want to hear about doubts, reservations, retractions, etc. They only want pure sensationalism - speculation disguised as fact. That's just what they got with our "Star Wars" editorial. - Somewhere in the United States there are thousands of people who read this Examiner article and are under the impression that someone named James Mosley claims it is true. Well, he doesn't!

We have reprinted the Examiner article on the back page of this issue, for the enlightenment of those of you who mercifully missed it on the newsstands....

Man held by aliens for sex ||

On the weekend of Nov. 29th - Dec. 1st, the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences was held in Houston, Texas. This is an annual event that takes place in various cities around the country, and oddly enough, it is funded by the Moonies - though it is claimed they keep their religion completely out of it.

Anyhow, our point in bringing this up is that this year's Conference included an interesting debate featuring Dr. Bruce Maccabee of pro-UFO fame vs. arch-skeptic Jim Oberg. Maccabee came on with a paper detailing 25 of the best UFO cases of all times, which he calls TRUFOS - True Cases. Oberg hit back with something called "The Utility of the Black Box Hypothesis on UFO Perception". A Black Box is defined as having circuitry of unknown design; one can only tell what goes in and what comes out. Oberg believes, obviously, that the UFO Mystery has the characteristics of the above-mentioned Black Box concept. Maccabee disagrees. Moreover, Oberg refused to answer Maccabee's paper on a case by case basis, which, we presume, upset Maccabee. (We weren't there, and obtained this account by phone from Oberg.)

NEWS BRIEFIES:

A glorious and Cool Yule to all our non-subscribers, wherever & whoever they may be. This brief greeting takes the place of a Christmas card, by the way....Dr. J. Allen Hynek is now at his home in Phoenix, Arizona, recovering from brain surgery. We spoke to him by phone recently.....We understand that MUFON Czar Walt Andrus is hopping mad about our story on Page 2 of the Oct. 20th "Smear". This is the story of Airman (actually a woman) Simone Mendez, who got her life completely messed up because of a fake UFO report that came in over the Classified teletype where she was working. Andrus feels this story should have been Suppressed....John Timmerman of CUFOS sends us a clipping to the effect that Mothman - that terrifying big bird of circa 1967, is being resurrected in the form of a documentary radio program for National Public Radio....

MUFON has a semi-secret "PIPE Committee" (Public Information and Public Education) which is apparently in charge of making sure that the public gets "correct" rather than "incorrect" UFO information. This sounds a bit ominous to us!....Veteran UFO researcher Laura Mundo is ill in a nursing home in Michigan, while her co-workers continue to grind out occasional issues of "The Interplanetary News", which she founded many years ago. We wish Laura well!....A full-fledged hurricane on the day of the run-off election for mayor of Key West has forced postponement of the election for two weeks. It's Captain Tony Tarracino (the good guy; a local bar owner) vs. Tom Sawyer (real name!), who represents evil real estate interests. Only in Key West would any of this make sense....

FINALLY, we are working on a Big Story for our next issue, involving Jerry Clark, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and other ufological notables. We're piecing the thing together now, in our uniquely mysterious but humble way. Stay tuned!....

Hopes slim
for alien
in Army

**DRUNK JUDGE
GETS OFF EASY**

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

JOHN A. KEEL of 3½-D fame writes:

"Dear AIDS carrier:

"Well, cheapskate, you missed the convention of the century (in Costa Rica Oct. 14th-19th)! It was completely videotaped by a Spanish network and will be shown all over the world in the coming months. Watch for it on your local Spanish channel.

"Needless to say, I was the sensation of the convention and had to fight off the hordes of lascivious señoritas who constantly swarmed around me. Charles Berlitz, Jacques Vallee, Andria Puharich, John Lilly and numerous Spanish notables were in attendance. The accommodations were first class, the food was excellent (and all free for us big-time speakers) and it rained every day at exactly 2 p.m.

"There were about 200 paying customers in the audience, including priests and several local M.D.s. Robert Warth, president of SITU and publisher of 'Pursuit', was on hand, as was Dennis Stillings, illustrious head of Minnesota's mysterious Archaeus Project. Dr. Vallee and I finally revealed The Secret. Too bad you missed that. Puharich announced that UFOs are really Nazi secret weapons now being operated by the U.S. government. Berlitz talked about Atlantis - what else?

"Actually, most of the speakers were into defining Reality and discussing the bridge between UFOs and religion - themes I first opened up in my earth-shaking books. The sessions began at 11 a.m. and ran till 11 p.m. most days, so there was little time for partying. The convention was front page news in all the Costa Rican newspapers. Guess whose picture they chose to publish over and over again? I wore a bright red shirt, so I was particularly photogenic. By the end of the convention, however, we were all sitting around in our underwear.

"No doubt about it. It was another Keel triumph. I really didn't need all those other guys....

"Pick up the November issue of 'National Lampoon'. It contains a highly scientific article by yours truly. Beats OMNI all to hell. That's the issue with Brooke Shields on the cover. Page 62.

"Now go back to peddling your fake antiques."

Editor's Note: We have read Keel's hilarious article referred to above. It is called "Public Toilets". At the end of it, Keel is identified as "the world's leading authority on flying saucers". Is there some hidden connection between UFOs and toilets???

DR. BRUCE MACCABEE of The Fund for UFO Research writes as follows:

"Dear S.C:

"I saw in the last 'Smear' a 'report' by 'Skeptic John Merrell' of his investigation of the McMinnville (Oregon) photos. I would appreciate it if you would send me Merrell's address so I could write to him directly.

"Incidentally, I was surprised and amused to read in your issue #32, 5, that you heard Sheaffer and Sparks debate the validity of the McMinnville photos and that 'it seemed to us that Sparks, using detailed material from Dr. Maccabee, won the technical argument hands down...' Nevertheless, in spite of the convincing technical argument 'we were not convinced that the Trent photos are really proven to be genuine.'

"In view of your recent 'tendencies', I probably shouldn't have been surprised that you weren't convinced by a technical argument. Perhaps you now consider the Arnold sighting to have been a hoax? Or Rogue River (May 24th, 1949) or C.B. Moore (April 24th, 1949), to name just a few for which 'technical arguments' can be made."

As to the Sheaffer-Sparks confrontation, you would have to have been there to figure out just who won. - Editor.

Long-time researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"I hope skeptic John Merrell's researches are better than his spelling and his report. Buried in that clumsy writing seems to be the information that the Trent house has been demolished, though the foundation not filled in, and that trees have been cut down. I realize, Jim, that yours is not a formal journal of ufological studies and that you print it like/as it comes in - but folks like Merrell (as well, of course, as ufological proponents) owe it to their intended readers to write a clear account of their investigations and their conclusions. There is no sense in reopening old cases if one is not prepared to do so in an effective manner...."

GREG LONG, a long-respected MUFON staff writer, writes:

"God! Don't take me off your mailing list!

"Your latest issue was a bit bland. Since Phil Klass has piped down, UFOdom has cooled to a thick, fetid muck.

"Erik Beckjord's latest was at least expressed rationally.

"I can't quite remember the other letters. Goes to show that the tone of 'Smear' isn't what it used to be. Seems I hear the death knell of ufology. Your skepticism has seeped so much across the surface of America that a patina of cynicism infests the once numerous cavities of the mind."

KEN BEHRENDT of AURA writes as follows:

"As I was reading 'Saucer Smear' Vol. 32, No. 8 (Page 3), I began sneezing violently - probably due to an allergic reaction to the oil-based ink solvent used. Anyway, I have sneezed out a snot-covered silver bead about the size of a BB, which seems to have some fine gold wires attached to it! My mind now feels clearer than it has in years, but I am curious as to where I should send this strange object for analysis??"

Ufologist ROBERT DAVIS writes:

"Now that I have received your dreaded 'X', I guess it's time to make a few comments about Gray Barker. I have had the opportunity to read the mass of documents on which his book, 'They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers' was based. These include letters from and to such persons as Al Bender and Edgar Jarrold. From this documentation it is quite clear that Gray did not make up the stories in the book. (This is not to say that they were not made up at all - only that if they were, it was not Barker who did it.) In fact, he could have made his book far more sensational had he used all of the material available to him. For example, he knew all about Gordon Deller, who was Edgar Jarrold's 'mystery visitor' of December 1953. I suspect that Gray did not become quite such a practical joker until he realized that goodies like these were not going to keep on falling into his lap, as his later literary efforts really do require large doses of accompanying salt. There are still many unanswered questions about Bender and Jarrold which I have been unable to clarify."

The inevitable ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"....I am currently looking for a location to set up a Cryptozoology Museum in Los Angeles so we can provide tourist kids and adults with an alternative to Disneyland. Bigfoot, Nessies of all kinds and Big Bird will be featured.

"One creature we will not feature is the New Guinea Mermaid, which I understand now is officially recognized by the International Society of Cryptozoology as being a mere dugong - as I have been insisting all along ever since my trip there in 1983. The dugong is a sea-cow, a known marine

mammal, and the ISC's Richard Greenwell even graciously admits he was in error in making his reports of a 'mystery cetacean' based on his own trip, especially since the California Eco-Sophical Society's own expedition last year found the natives netting a dugong that the natives said was what Greenwell and crew had seen. End of case - at last.

"I am pleased to receive the ISC's publications now, as you do from MUFON. I paid \$10 extra and became an institutional member. Gawd - I hope I don't look like one! That is reserved for my ex-wife."

PETER SUTHERLAND writes:

"....You may have seen ads in FATE from 'Awake!' (not the makers of imitation orange juice) who will send you a free cassette. Among other things this contains a great 3½-D UFO story which happened (where else?) on Mount Shasta. Since I am not going to buy their expensive tapes, my only reward to them for their trouble will be this free publicity."

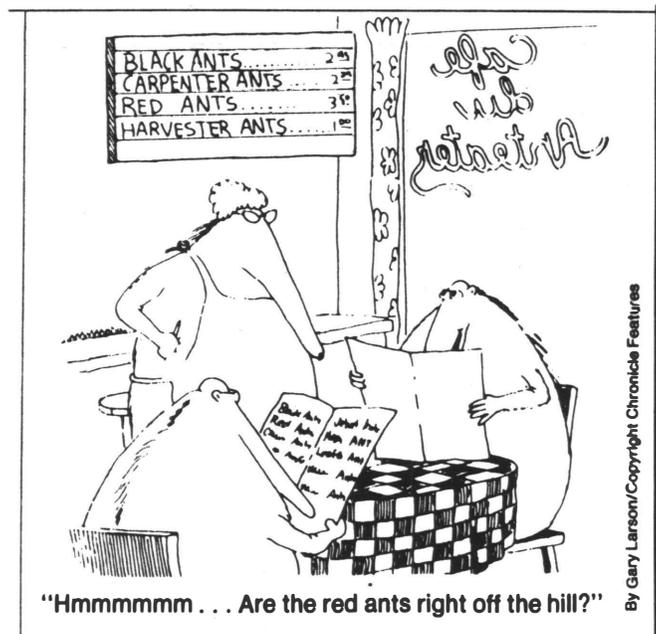
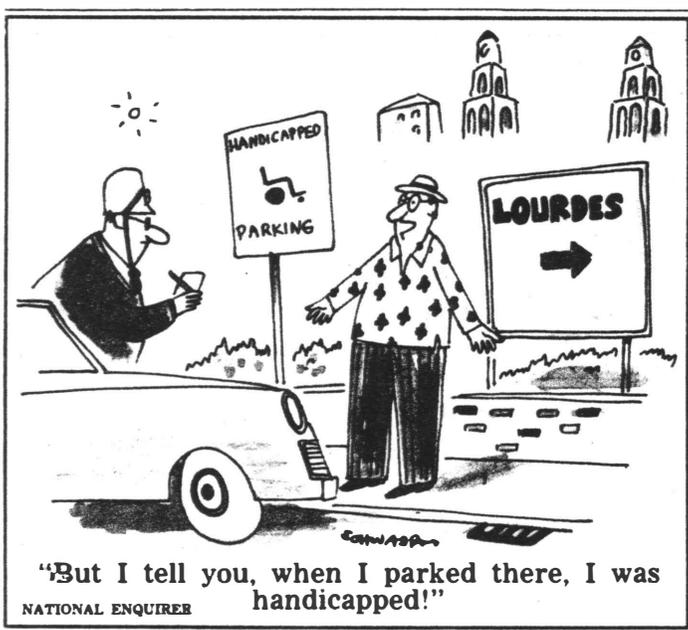
I don't think they'll sell many tapes with this free publicity! - Editor.

Former researcher RON SPANBAUER writes:

"....Yes, I'm still out here. Still eagerly awaiting each new and glorious issue of 'Smear'. Herman the hamster eagerly awaits it as well, since it's the only time he gets his bedding changed!..."

"The UFO field does seem to be 'dying out', and I can't help but think that the researchers themselves are the cause, rather than the lack of UFO activity. Their obsession for objectivity is the problem. I saw this happening four years ago when I called it quits. It became clear to me back then that I already had the proof I needed, and that unless something really earth-shaking happened to further my knowledge, there was no point in continuing - at least not the way I had been...."

"Even if UFOs are total bullshit, they still have an effect on the imagination, which is the key to creativity. People like Phil Klass are telling us that our imaginations are faulty. The tooth fairy and Santa Claus are also figments of the imagination, but thinking about these characters causes the mind to expand. That's what is missing in this culture: the ability to expand our minds beyond the three-dimensional aspect. Think and grow - that's where it's at!..."



Ace UFO cartoonist BOB SCHMIDT (127 Bateman St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209) writes as follows:

"Flying Saucer Review has been running some articles relating to Islam writings that discuss the UFO phenomenon as being produced and directed by the 'JINN family'. The JINN are a race of disembodied assholes with nothing better to do than disorient mankind to the point of apprehensive exhaustion coupled with definitive mind expansion. This spiritual intercourse with the minds of men has produced some ingenious effects, to say the least. Naturally, if one of their kind ever chances upon your bedroom in the middle of the night, don't tell 'em to 'fuck off'; serve 'em a JINN & TONIC!...

"Enclosed are a few sheets detailing the books and other publications I have for sale. These items are all in very good condition if not excellent....I also am making a list presently of articles, news clippings and other sundry items that go back to 1950. These would all go with the book collection as sold in a package. I don't wish to separate and sell individual items, as I don't have the packaging facilities or time to do so....I prefer to ship out everything at a single blow. Naturally, the purchaser would pay the freight C.O.D. upon arrival.

"Your readers can send a SASE for the complete list...."

Our friend CHRISTOPHER ASHTAR HERRON LEE (known also as just plain ASHTAR) writes:

"....Sorry there wasn't the super-spectacular UFO flap this summer which I so confidently predicted. The jerks were particularly uncooperative about that. There was quite a bit of UFO activity in my immediate vicinity, as usual, and with several witnesses, I might add; but after all, they do want to keep an eye-in-the-sky on me. As you may have gathered, there are factions of the Pharae that don't get along with me too well. Like the vampire Pharae, for instance, and there are others...."

Researcher HANS PETERMANN writes:

"You negative-thinking nerd! Have you succumbed to the real Klass-ified bullshit your 'Mr. Klass' has brainwashed you into believing in your 'Saucer Smear' forum? I still like to believe you're a thinker and not influenced by Klassy non-thinkers....

"Presently I'm working as a part-time consultant for Pran Technologies, together with another engineer friend, on building the rotor-converter generator as the basis for man-made future spaceships! No joke!Write me soon and let me know that you still exist as a positive-thinking ufologist."

THE POETRY OF GRAY BARKER (Continued)

I'D BEEN AWAKENED

I'd been awakened, hours before the light,
By hollow hoofbeats throbbing by the door,
Which, as the clock bell tolled the hours' flight,
Would vanish from my courtyard, heard no more.

So on the tenth night, I, with troubled sleep,
Rose from my bed and feeble candle got,
Flung wide the casement, looked down ledgework steep,
Saw all the beings who my soul had fraught.

And as my viscous soul prepared to die
Saw six dark horses, and astride each - I.

Drug runners are using psychics

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are using evil and corrupt psychic watchdogs to avoid arrest, expose undercover police agents and to kill competitors.

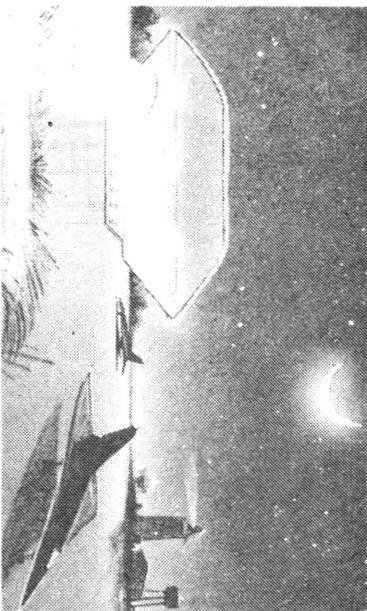
Star Wars defense system not for protection against Russians, but space aliens!

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S Star Wars defense system is aimed at protecting America from attack by extraterrestrials — not the Russians, claims a high-ranking government official.

The "usually reliable source in Washington asked not be identified," says James Moseley, who revealed the incredible story in a UFO newsletter he publishes.

The insider told Moseley that the president finally acknowledged the need for a defense against aliens after a sensational UFO landing near a U.S. Air Force base in Rendlesham Forest, England.

"When this incident was brought to Reagan's attention," writes Moseley, "he immediately convened a panel of the nation's lead-



SPACE ALIENS land near Air Force base in England.

BY HUGO SLATER

ing scientists, including Dr. Edward Teller, Father of the H-bomb."

Within months, the panel had recommended the present Star Wars program, but urged the president not to announce it too soon after the UFO incident for fear that the relationship between the two events would be easily spotted by UFO experts.

Incredibly, charges Moseley's source, to further muddy the waters the CIA staged the most widely reported UFO sightings of all time, which took place in the skies above Westchester County, New York, in 1984.

"These incidents occurred around the time of Reagan's original Star

Wars speech," writes Moseley.

A magazine expose of these sightings as hoaxes was part of the elaborate smokescreen.

Moseley's source calls it "a government-inspired effort to reinforce in the public's mind that all UFO reports have prosaic explanations."

Contrary to appearances, claims the source, the Russians also know the truth about UFOs, and are wholeheartedly in favor of the president's plan.

"Reagan apparently is willing to share Star Wars technology with the Soviets," adds Moseley, "if the UFOs attack Russia first."

While American officials continue to maintain that Star Wars is designed to

protect the U.S. and her allies from Russian nuclear attack, a former Soviet scientist now living in the U.S. upholds the story Moseley's source revealed.

"Only in America could you have someone come forward with the truth and be ignored," says the scientist, who also requested anonymity for fear that he would be deported.

"The Soviet Union knows full well that a nuclear war means the end of



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civilization — they want to live just as much as Americans do," he says.

"By cooperating while pretending to squabble, the two superpowers may just be able to save the planet from a takeover by extraterrestrials."

Celebrated statue attacked by youths at grotto in Ireland

Reuter

BALLINSPITTLE, Ireland
Three youths damaged Ireland's most celebrated "moving" statue with axes and sledgehammers yesterday as horrified worshippers knelt before it.

The statue of the Virgin Mary in a roadside grotto outside this tiny County Cork village has attracted huge crowds since a group of local people claimed to have seen it move last August. This was followed by a spate of similar reports from other parts of the country.

Police said three youths driving a car stolen in Dublin arrived at the grotto and smashed the statue after killing a group of 30 people, including some nuns: "You stupid people, worshipping a plaster statue."

Supreme Court says aliens may become notaries