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IN WHICH

YOUR EDITOR IS UNEXPECTEDLY SUBJECTED TO

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FOURTH KIND!

Recently Jerry Clark of FATE and Phil Klass of CSICOP have been arguing by mail over the question of whether the UFO field engages (as it properly should) in internal self-criticism. Clark says yes; Klass says no. We agree with Clark on this one, because he came up with a recent example of ufological self-criticism which is so extreme as to be ludicrous.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS is editor-in-chief of "The International UFO Reporter", which is supposedly distributed to all paid-up associates of CUFOS (though we have never received it, for some reason!) Jerry Clark is currently editor of IUR, under Hynek. These two gentlemen disagree with each other strongly over the merits of the Westchester County, N.Y. ("Boomerang from Outer Space") flap, in that Clark disparages it, while Hynek insists that some of the events are genuine Unknowns. This in itself is interesting, since Hynek is a scientist while Clark, though an experienced editor, is not. One might therefore expect Hynek to take the more cautious approach rather than Clark, who has a history of a strong Will to Believe.

In any case, this dispute over the merits of the Westchester flap has spilled onto the pages of IUR. In the July/August 1985 issue (published much later than its dateline), Hynek takes his own editor to task, and seems particularly upset over an anti-Boomerang letter-to-the-editor that Clark wrote for the July 1st 1985 issue of "Saucer Smear". In his signed editorial in IUR, Hynek characterizes "Smear" as a "journal of lesser repute" (which it certainly is!); "sometimes called unprintable"; and "notorious". All this because we printed Clark's letter, whereas in the past Hynek has always seemed friendly & tolerant toward "Smear" and its humble editor!

But the final irony is that, at the same time, Clark is mad at us because of an editorial we wrote knocking the complex Rendlesham case in England. Here Clark is the pro-UFO person, and your editor is seen as being too skeptical and critical. (Hynek's opinion on Rendlesham is not known to us.)

Why is Hynek so upset about Clark's attitude on Westchester? Apparently he has put a lot of time into studying this flap, and is involved in a book about it with UFO researcher Philip Imbrogno, who has resigned from CUFOS because of Clark's attitude!

We are not claiming to have the last word on either of these two complicated cases (Westchester and Rendlesham.) We merely insist that there are important adverse factors in each, making both of these cases far less than ideal. In regard to the "Boomerang", it was found that night-flying stunt pilots may well have been behind the otherwise unexplained sightings. Perhaps this is not really the full answer after all, in view of the fact that many of the witnesses insist strongly that what they saw was a single dimly-lit craft, rather than a formation of small planes.

But if the small-plane theory is incorrect, what are the alternatives? Are we to believe that stunt pilots went out again & again to deliberately confuse people about a real UFO? Has there ever been another case of the same UFO persisting in flying over one area again & again over a period of months? Common sense would seem to tell us that there must be a reasonable connection between the stunt pilots and the "Boomerang". If not, then this flap is weird indeed and totally without precedent!

We have always respected Hynek, and it goes without saying that we feel terribly sorry for him in regard to the serious illness he still faces. However, we are disappointed in his lack of scientific objectivity shown here. As for Clark's attitude, we are not surprised.

Hynek's editorial in IUR is reprinted on the back page of this issue.

P.S.: In a very recent telephone interview, Jerry Clark tells us that he and Hynek have made up, but that Hynek has resigned the editorship of IUR for health reasons, leaving Clark in charge for now.

McNamara tells of flying saucers, alien beings

Suspected killer Barry McNamara, accused of slaying his parents, sister and niece, has written letters to news media in Santa Barbara claiming to have seen flying saucers, "unusually white" men and a car hovering above the ground.

McNamara was arrested earlier this month on suspicion of killing his parents, Elger Wayne McNamara, 57, and Florence Barbara McNamara, 56; his sister, Diane Trenner, 31; and Trenner's 4-year-old daughter, Kellin Brooke Trenner.

The murders took place Jan. 5 at family home, 5620 W. Camino ... distance from High-

Slip of tongue spoils his case

Special for USA TODAY

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dennis Newton is no Perry Mason.

Newton, 47, was on trial for armed robbery Tuesday when he decided to fire his lawyer and represent himself.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Jones says Newton did fine until the store's manager testified he was the robber.

Newton accused her of lying: "I should have blown your ... head off," Newton said. He quickly added, "If I'd been the one that was there."

It took the jury 20 minutes to convict him. Recommended sentence: 30 years.

Leisure and the Arts

Mystery of the Secret Keel

By FREDERICK KLEIN



"BEELIONS AND BEELIONS OF WORLDS IN OUR EXPANDING UNIVERSE AND NOT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE... EXCUSE ME, MY PRODUCER WISHES A WORD WITH ME....."

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Was our infamous "Star Wars" editorial in the April 20th, 1985 "Smear" correct after all??? Reagan, in an offhand remark at a recent lecture, seems to imply as much! I guess we'll never know for sure just where the truth lies! (See news article on Page 8.)...Incidentally, the weird cartoon on Page 4 is courtesy of our friend Gene Duplantier of Canada....The former "Doctor" Williard McIntyre of MARCEN fame now works as a peace officer of some sort in northern California, under another name. He sends us occasional letters filled with sex, violence and (no doubt) fantasy. Way to go, Wild Bill!...Our ghost article turned down by FATE Magazine has been sold to Global Communications, run by our olde friend Tim Beckley....

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will hold its 23rd annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona, this year. The dates are May 16th-18th, and the local host will be famed UFO personality Hal Starr. For details watch future issues of "Smear", or write to Starr at: 312 West Frier Drive, Phoenix, Az. 85021. Your humble editor is permanent chairman of the NUFOC, and will attend the convention in the physical body! ...On Friday Dec. 13th (appropriately) your editor was seen on Channel 17 in the Miami area, by those hardy few who have cable TV or their own "dish". The subject of the 15-minute interview was antiquities, such as those we sell down here in Key West....Still no word from the Society for Scientific Exploration, regarding the status (if any) of our alleged membership..... What the hell has happened to the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and its head honcho, Pete Mazzola? Rumor has it that Pete has had a nervous breakdown, and is thus Silenced at least for the present....Inventor Joseph Newman, about whom we reprinted two newspaper articles in recent "Smears", still can't get past the U.S. Patent Office with his "free energy" invention. Their motto seems to be, "It can't be, therefore it isn't" (Our thanks to Tom Burch for this item.)....Scot Morris, Games Editor of OMNI, dropped by our ghoul gallery in Key West the other day, and said he has put in for a free OMNI subscription for your humble editor. We await with baited breath....

Erik Beckjord, who really knows how to needle an organization from the inside (or even from the outside!), has joined the Southern California Skeptics, a new chapter of CSICOP. He attended several meetings, and has sent us a long memo to the effect that Democracy is not practiced by this group. The members, who pay \$15 per year (soon to become \$25), are not allowed to vote for officers or participate in investigations. Their newsletter will not print anything that even remotely suggests any sympathy for paranormal claims, nor any criticism of the leaders' policies. The by-laws are ignored in a high-handed way, and in general (in our opinion) the group acts just like a pro-UFO organization. SHAME! We would have expected better than this from skeptics!

The good cheer lives on

G.L. (Gil) Gilbertson of Honolulu had counted each birthday as precious since suffering a near-fatal heart attack 12 years ago, so he took out a newspaper advertisement congratulating himself on reaching his 65th year this week.

But the message turned out to be premature — Gilbertson died of a massive heart attack Nov. 20, 10 days before his birthday.

The \$340 ad, which declared "By God, I made it," ran as scheduled Thursday. Instead of canceling it, his family decided to let it run, with a footnote that Gilbertson had died.

"He would have wanted it that way," said his wife, June.

Activists hope to halt building of alien facility

Associated Press

Extraterrestrials

IF YOU WERE A BABY IN A WOMB AND SOMEONE INSERTED SOMETHING IN THERE, YOU'D SAY, OH, THERE'S A UFO!!

THIS SUPERNATURAL INTELLIGENCE SHOULDN'T BE CONFUSED WITH GOD, THOUGH THEY MADE THE PILLAR OF SALT AND OTHER BIBLICAL PHENOMENON.

COULD YOU DEFINE CONTACTEE AND ABDUCTEE?

A CONTACTEE IS ONE WHO HAS HAD CONTACT WITH AN ENTITY. AN ABDUCTEE IS ONE WHO HAS BEEN ABDUCTED BY AN ENTITY.

GOOD. THANK YOU.

THESE INVADERS NEVER TELL US ANYTHING. AND WHY SHOULD THEY? P? LOOK AT OUR GOVERNMENT AND SCIENTISTS. THEY'RE STUPID!! DO YOU BLAME THEM? P?

TED OWENS IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH ALIENS THROUGH CONNECTIONS IN THE BACK OF HIS BRAIN. HE CAN CONTROL THE WEATHER.

IN '52 I WAS CONTACTED BY MEN IN GREEN UNIFORMS. THEY CAME FROM A PLANETOID BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER. OUR ASTRONAUTS SAW THEM ON THE MOON. THEY DON'T EAT MEAT, AND THEY SPEAK PERFECT ENGLISH.

HERE YOU SEE THE ALIENS ARE PLAYING PEEK-A-BOO BECAUSE THEY KNEW I WAS TRYING TO FILM THEM. THESE KIND OF SHOTS ARE FAR AND FEW BETWEEN.

THIS UFO LOOKS LIKE A CIGAR... WITH LEGS. OR A MUSHROOM. HERE IT LOOKS LIKE A SNAKE, OR ICE CREAM CONE.

HERE ARE FOUR ALIENS TALKING AND HOVERING ABOUT 50 FEET OVER ME. I WAS WAVING AT THEM...

THE DOCTORS FOUND THE ALIEN INSIDE ME. SHE SPOKE ANCIENT ARABIC WITH A HEBREW ACCENT. HER NAME IS ANTRON AND SHE SAYS THE EVACUATION WILL START IN THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

ANTRON SAYS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE SAVED. THE ALIENS TOLD ME TO START WEARIN' MAGNETS, AND, WHEN I DID, MY BOOBIES STARTED A-GROWIN'.

I'M IMPRESSED WITH THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY... NOT THE USUAL KOOKS.

I THINK ANTRON'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"Dear Gloom and Doom:

"I must chastise you and remind you that seeming foes like Oberg, Klass and Shaeffer are mere tools of us 3½-D theorists. We secretly know that UFOs are not necessarily from other planets, nor are they solid nuts-and-bolts machines. The UFO skeptics merely assist us in demolishing these old theories. They are working for us.

"We who support Keel, Vallee, and Hynekian theories (not to forget Andrus!) know that we are most likely to be dealing with another energy/life form that manifests itself, then is able to de-manifest itself at its own convenience, not ours. If you want your faith bolstered, go and see Dr. Bruce Maccabee's New Zealand UFO film, which neither Klass, Sheaffer nor Oberg has been able to discredit.

"UFOs are no more solid than Bigfoot, but they are there - probably watching you in Key West!..."

Editor's Note: Erik makes an interesting and possibly valid point; but we have seen the New Zealand film and are not impressed. We still like the Socorro, New Mexico case and the Cash/Landrum case, among others.

JUDITH STARCHILD writes:

"...Like former researcher Ron Spanbauer, I have joined the drop-out ranks of Ufology, but would sure hate to drop off your list of non-subscribers! Also like Mr. Spanbauer, I have arrived at the same dismal conclusion that the dying field of UFO study is a case of researchers delivering their subject into stillbirth. Inevitably the time comes when the current limits of scientific analysis are reached. Remnant researchers unable to break through and beyond seem to be a handful of inert nostalgics, frustrated old timers, paranoid schizophrenics, and a few initiate students. (It seems the most recent trend of 'Smear' falls into one of the above categories. Any non-subscriber non-psychic can pick that up.)

"And also like Mr. Spanbauer, it has been my own glorious realization that UFOs, whether unreality or ultrareality, are mediums of expanding mind (God forbid!), and by that, serving to evolve us out of our well-trodden perceptive rut. Any researcher on any end of the spectrum, or any idiot for that matter, can see that real life is always moving on. Ufology and its Ufologists need to wake up and let its mystery breathe!..."

Color your editor "inert nostalgic" and "frustrated old timer"! - Ed.

Retired commercial pilot BILL NASH, whose 1952 UFO sighting is one of the unsolved classics, writes:

"Even if you're called a boil on the buttocks of UFOs, we wish you a super New Year & a prosperous one, and a Merry Christmas!...."



Reagan proposal would turn aliens into serfs, leader says

MOTLEY'S CREW

Our olde friend BOB ("Raving Robert") SCHILLER writes:

"....CSICOP has caused me unbearable Mental Anguish and Suffering with their shocking slander of Space Brothers everywhere! My attorney, Shylock P. Whiplash, agrees. The April 17th court victory of Robert Hodges of Memphis, Tennessee, sets legal precedent for our forthcoming suit against the Evil Sarcasm of CSICOP. Their vicious slanderous propaganda against UFOs shall be neutralized if not liquidated! Klass and his Capitalist war monger lackies shall be hurled back. Soon Daniel 3½-D Hoverson shall reveal the War Crimes of CSICOP against True Believers everywhere. Today Buffalo, N.Y., tomorrow Venus! Viva Adamski; Viva Richard Ogden; Viva Scully; Viva Psychosis; Viva Sickies! From the asylum, with love...."

If only we knew who Hodges and Hoverson are! - Ed.

Another olde friend, BOB EASLEY, who (quite seriously!) had a recent brain operation due to an accident, writes as follows:

"....I received your 'Saucer Smear', Vol. 32, No. 9, yesterday. It was, as usual, witty, intellectual, and half-assed amusing. I notice you mentioned Hynek's brain surgery (again), but not mine. Even though mine was not technically brain surgery (I have no brain), I guess that indicates where I stand. In any event, I'm glad to hear that the good Doctor is (apparently) doing fine.

"I guess one could say you are as bad as FATE Magazine. Had I written up my operation really juicy - with a visit by Dr. Death and Dr. Doom after floating around the hospital and the nurses' shower room - I'm sure you would have mentioned at least something. However, since nothing happened - that I know of - you chose not to mention it. At last the truth is out; Jim Moseley is a dreaded censor! But your secret is safe...."

MICHAEL DENNETT, a dreaded Fellow Traveler of CSICOP, writes:

"Great story about the 'National Examiner' in your latest issue of 'Saucer Smear'.

"I note in the last issue of the 'International UFO Reporter' that Hynek refers to your 'zine' as a 'journal of lesser repute'. It also sounds like FATE doesn't like you, either. Could it be that they fear that your present case of skepticismitis could spread to their readers?...

"But the big story is that World War II history must be rewritten. Wayne Aho has finally revealed that he 'sensed' that the Battle of the Bulge was about to begin, and relayed this knowledge to General Patton. Fortunately Patton was able to act on this information and counterattack the Germans and win the war! Can you believe they put this story in the middle of our newspaper, under the Arts and Travel section?

"Well, all I can say is - it sure was a good thing that Wayne Aho was on our side!...."

Monster hunter LARRY PETERS writes:

"To show that all is not positive in the world of creatures, I have to report our findings on a recent sighting in Harrisburg, Pa. It seems this foul-smelling creature making screeching noises was terrorizing this neighborhood. There was a group of high school kids who went camping with their guns to bring it down.

"The police laid in waiting at dusk. A man dressed in a monkey suit appeared. They approached him and saved his life. At the same time there was a screech owl in the area not accustomed to being there, and someone's sewer had backed up....

"Jim, about your 'Star Wars' editorial. I must admit it does not sound like you to say something positive! You must concede that Phil Klass being with the Government, as well as that fellow in Poolesville, Md. (Tom Burch) would have access to such information and could have easily passed it along to you....If it is false, why haven't you already sued the 'National Examiner'? You certainly have valid grounds. Your integrity has been attacked. You have been humiliated and disgraced, yet all you have to offer is a 'whimpy' 'I did not say that'. Bull! Tell it to a tree!...."

TOM BENSON writes as follows:

"In 'Saucer Smear' of Dec. 10, 1985, you mentioned that the only thing you will get out of the Gray Barker estate is a home movie film. How did you get Gray's poems you are publishing? And what about Gray's files, books, etc.? Is it all going to be auctioned off for some 'moonshine'? Wouldn't that be some kind of closing tribute? Pity!...

"Also, how did John Keel know you are an AIDS carrier? And what was the 'secret' Keel and Vallee finally revealed at the convention in Costa Rica (Oct. 14-19)? Who was backing this convention anyway?...."

We don't know much about the Costa Rica convention, but regarding Barker's poems, we had them long before his death. We have published a few of them in spite of a great wave of public apathy. - Ed.

CHARLES WILHELM of OUFOIL writes:

"Received your most welcome 'Smear' today. It's always good to see what people are saying and thinking about.

"I have a comment concerning a statement therein by Dr. Maccabee. He stated, 'Perhaps you now consider the Arnold sighting to have been a hoax'.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the possibility of the Arnold sighting being a hoax is very high. I never could understand why the UFO community ever considered the sighting as a proof positive report. From an investigative standpoint, it is a very weak case. Evidence has surfaced over the past years that Arnold was involved in a PR stunt to promote the flying saucer craze. Arnold also was a big liar. He lied in his book and lied in many newspaper articles. He was telling people that he was hounded all the time by the various government agencies concerning his sighting. There is a government document that states that Arnold was constantly calling the agencies himself because no one was paying him any attention. So they finally sent someone over to talk to him.

"All this information may be released in the future, but would it do any good? The firm believers won't accept the facts anyway. So why release it? The same goes for Hynek. Researchers should look at the CUFOS tax records, which are a story in themselves...."

We have no opinion on the validity of Arnold's sighting, but we do know that as a person, he stunk. We had two bad experiences with him, which we will relate someday. - Ed.



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EDITORIAL

Letter to the editor from the editor-in-chief

A cardinal precept in science is that scientists (and this ought to apply to editors as well) should not make statements without carefully noting the facts in the case. A very good friend of mine recently violated this cardinal principle and it is my duty to call him to task. I know full well how much this editor should have been aware of before committing himself to print, particularly since much of it was already published in the very journal he now edits!

Now, as we know, editors are not mere mortals; people often regard them as oracles. Their words, once printed, are indelible—carrying on, and on, and on, sometimes appearing many years later in some doctor's waiting room. Surely such deathless prose deserves the best in scientific and editorial accuracy. By the same token, oracles should take especial care because many people might believe what they write.

I was ready to overlook my friend's first fall from grace, but when the second appeared (not only embellished but in a journal of lesser repute called *Saucer Smear*, but sometimes called unprintable), I took umbrage and felt that it was time to take word processor in hand.

The editor to whom I refer is, of course, Jerome Clark and the fall from grace refers to his remarks (found in the notorious *Smear*) which in effect call the Westchester boomerang case a scam. Both the *IUR* and *Smear* editors knew I had on three occasions traveled to the Westchester area to interview (along with Philip Imbrogno, who has worked with hundreds of witnesses over the course of three years) a number of independent and highly credible witnesses. Gentlemen, do you think so poorly of me that you would have thought I had not checked my sources before writing my—and Mr. Imbrogno's—articles in *IUR*? Were you not aware that "planes in formation" were old hat and that I must certainly have had ample reason to work at length with Mr. Imbrogno and with his witnesses?

Indeed, Mr. Imbrogno and I are continuing to work on the Hudson Valley UFO—for whatever it is, it is "unidentified."—*J. Allen Hynek*

The editor-in-chief and the editor have agreed to disagree about the Westchester events. The controversy surrounding this unusual case seems certain to continue. *IUR* will report new developments as they come to light.—*Jerome Clark*

Alien attack could save world?

FALLSTON, Md. (Reuter) — President Reagan said Wednesday he told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their Geneva summit that they would quickly join forces and forget their differences if aliens attacked Earth from another planet.

Reagan reached into the realm of science fiction in an off-the-cuff remark after addressing students at Fallston High School in Maryland about the summit.

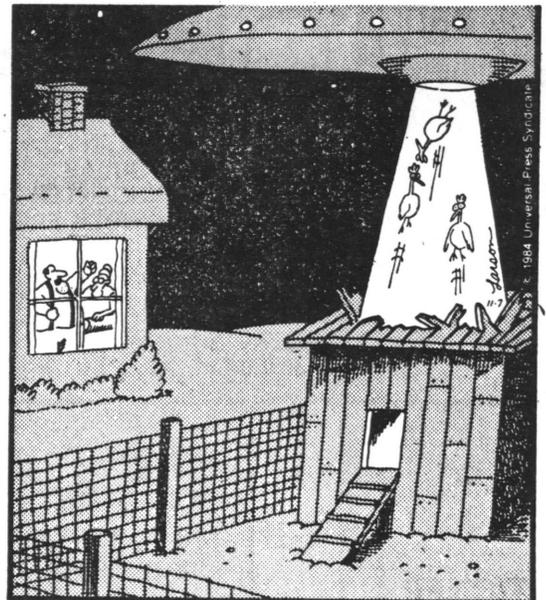
In his speech, Reagan described Gorbachev as "a determined man but one who is willing to listen."

In his extemporaneous remark, Reagan said, "I couldn't

help but say to him, just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings that we held if suddenly there was a threat to this world from another species from another planet outside in the universe."

"We'd forget all the little local differences that we have between our countries and we would find out once and for all that we really are all human beings here on this Earth together."

In a question-and-answer session with students, Reagan said he found Gorbachev to be a very intelligent man who believed deeply in the communist system.



"Dang! Get my shotgun, Mama! The aliens are after the chickens again."