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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

HERE'S AN UPDATE ON THE GLORIOUS FORTHCOMING NUFOC CONVENTION in Phoenix, Arizona, to be held May 16th-18th at the Executive Park Hotel - 1100 North Central, Phoenix, Az. (Phone: 602-252-2100 or 800-USA-EXEC).

The principal speakers will be nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman; author William Moore; contactee Daniel Fry; New Age writer Brad Steiger; skeptic Robert Sheaffer; and Bigfootologist Jon Beckjord. Also on the program are famed abductee Travis Walton; author Gary Kinder; ufologist Timothy Green Beckley; and Kal K. Korff of Kalifornia. Incidentally, Beckjord will be showing the famed New Zealand UFO film, which Dr. Bruce Maccabee has made such a stir about.

This may be one of the last of the old-fashioned free-swinging ufological conclaves, so don't miss out! Your humble "Smear" editor & wife Anna will arrive a few days early, to keep an eye on last-minute preparations. Local host will be the genial Hal Starr of radio & TV fame, who can be reached at 312 Frier Drive, Phoenix, Az. 85021. (Phone: 602-944-4211). Hal tells us to notify our non-subscribers that reservations at the hotel should definitely be made no later than May 1st, so please get to it, if you haven't made your reservation yet! Hope to see you-all there!....

We were surprised by the number of people who responded to Christopher Allen's intriguing question in the most recent "Smear" (Page 5), as to why there are so few colored (as the British say) ufologists. Several of our readers' comments are printed in the letters section of the present "Smear". The most interesting of these comments are from ace cartoonist Bob Schmidt, in his full-page letter further along in this issue.

To all of this we would like to add our own comment, which is that there are a few notable Blacks in ufology. The most obvious example is the late Barney Hill, whom we did not know personally, though we have met Betty several times. Then there is Muhammad Ali, whom we know quite well. He believes in UFOs because his version of ufology fits right in with his Muslim religion. He sincerely believes that the saucers are piloted by Black people who eventually are going to land and take over the world!

Then there is Barbara Hudson, a young Black lady who is a contactee and a ufological "groupie". We first met her at our famous 1967 convention in New York City, where she appeared on the scene saying that she had been sent to keep an eye on the gathering by mysterious people whom she merely called "The Group" (which however has nothing to do with her being a "groupie".) Your editor always wanted to meet "The Group", but somehow it never could be arranged. About 1975 Barbara disappeared from the ufological scene, and it is possible (though not at all likely) that she eventually fulfilled her wish to be taken away to another planet!

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Then there are a few rank-and-file Black ufologists such as our friend Brandon Blackman, who till recently shared our apartment in Guttenberg, N.J. But by and large it is a true statement that most Blacks are not interested in UFOs. Perhaps most of them find the every-day struggle for economic survival to be so consuming that they do not have time or energy for the esoteric. In any case, our thanks to Christopher Allen for getting us all to start thinking about this interesting subject!....

By the way, YOUR EDITOR IS NOT A SKEPTIC (and Richard Nixon is not a crook - or at least he managed to resign as president before it could be proven that he is a crook!)

But seriously, folks: There are those among you who think that just because we teeter on the edge of the dreadful abyss of skepticism, and just because we've lost our youthful enthusiasm & become mean and cynical, and just because we're "soft" on skeptics & give them lots of Space in our zine - that this means we don't believe in UFOs!

Actually, we neither Believe nor Disbelieve! The agnostic is always misunderstood, because he is neither pro nor anti. Referees are disliked by both sides, though they are supposedly impartial. All we can say for sure is that after nearly 40 years of the UFO mystery, nothing has been proven to the satisfaction of present scientific standards. What this means we do not know; but it certainly is frustrating!

We shall continue to grope for Truth, and we sincerely hope our little band of non-subscribers will remain loyal as we do so....

WOULD YOU BELIEVE that a UFO zine would feature your humble "Smear" editor in a cover picture, and then go on to devote a full two pages of text to an in-depth study of your editor's life & habits??? No, we can't believe it either, but it's true. The Spring 1986 issue of Armand Laprade's "Would You Believe" (billed as "America's most talked about magazine") is a true old-fashioned Ego Trip for us! Best of all is an article by our fearless co-worker August C. Roberts, in which he purports to believe that we once had a shrunken head made to order for us while on a trip to the South American jungles. Is this truth? Fantasy? Libel? Literary License?? Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction, as even Augie Roberts should know. For the real facts about the shrunken head and other matters, read the next issue of "Would You Believe?", a journal of ufological nostalgia, available from Laprade for a mere \$12 per year (four issues), at his palacial headquarters at: Route 4, Box 156, Marshall, Arkansas 72650...

The NAUFOF has now officially disbanded. What is the NAUFOF, you might ask? Short for North American UFO Federation, the NAUFOF was born at a MUFON convention in Toronto, Ontario, a few summers ago, and was intended to be an "umbrella" organization for ufology in the United States and Canada. Due to endless personality & doctrinal disputes among its various board members, the organization seemed doomed to failure almost from the start; and thus it has now gone the way of many similar organizations in the past. In ufology, everybody wants to be a "chief", and nobody wants to be an "Indian"!....

Well, it's official now! Your editor has been Purged from the ranks of the prestigious Society for Scientific Exploration. As noted in previous issues of "Smear", we managed to slip through the cracks, so to speak, and for awhile it looked like our membership was assured. In fact, we received a letter to that effect from one of the high officials of said organization. But alas, saner heads prevailed, and now our membership fee has been returned with apologies. (See Charles Tolbert's missive in the letters section of this issue.)

Gee, if enough of you non-subscribers had bombarded the Society with pleas to let us keep our membership therein, maybe this terrible thing would not have happened! Now we must add the Society for Scientific Exploration to the long list of organizations (such as MUFON, for example) where we just don't seem to be welcome!

On the other hand, we strongly feel that any organization that would have someone like us as a member is not really the kind of group we would want to be associated with, anyhow. Pass the sour grapes, please!....

Non-subscriber Douglas Curran of Canada has blossomed forth with a beautiful soft-cover book called "In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space". This tome is a really high-class photographic and sociological look at the UFO and New Age movements throughout North America, and the author is to be congratulated for his middle-of-the-road approach to the subject. There are 62 illustrations, many in full color, showing various contactees, cults, earth-made representations of flying saucers, and such. These pictures are the result of the author's 90,000 miles of travel during a period of several years!

Your humble editor is mentioned on Page 123, in Curran's description of the 1982 UFO convention in Reno, Nevada. This short paragraph deserves to be quoted here in full: "James Moseley, the lean and eccentric former editor of Saucer News and now editor of Saucer Smear, elicited the only negative reaction from the crowd during the conference. The self-styled 'bad boy of Ufology', Moseley took the position that after thirty years of UFO sightings and testimony there still does not exist one single piece of conclusive physical evidence in support of extraterrestrial visitation. Moseley repeated his long-standing offer of \$1,000 to anyone who could produce physical evidence of flying saucers. The offer was met by a disturbed rumbling from the stands, coupled with a renewed interest in the stalls and tables selling psychic-communication crystals, metaphysical tracts, and health preparations...."

The price of this soft-cover tome is \$16.95, but it will be well worth it to those who see the UFO contactee movement as (whatever else it may also be) one of the more fascinating sociological phenomena of the twentieth century. The publisher is Abbeville Press, Inc., of 505 Park Ave., New York, N.Y.....

On March 6th your editor did a 3-hour talk show on Miami radio station WNWS with Alan Burke, who was once the host of a controversial television show on New York's Channel 5, several years ago. Jack Horkheimer, director of the Miami Planetarium, was supposed to go on the radio with us, but came down with a semi-mysterious illness. We say this because the day after he missed the show, Horkheimer was quoted on a different matter on the front page of the Miami Herald, with no mention at all that he was ill!....

NEWS BRIEFIES:

Raymond Hilberg, father of ufologist Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, passed away on Feb. 23rd of this year....The health of Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS continues to deteriorate, sadly, due to a brain tumor....We have heard a wild rumor to the effect that Albert K. Bender of "Three Men in Black" fame has recently committed suicide. Can any non-subscriber supply us with more info about this???....Mary Robinson, widow of ufologist Jack Robinson of Jersey City, N.J., died on April 1st after having suffered a severe stroke several weeks earlier. Mary was a good friend....Less tragic than any of the above is the fact that Al Manak and Bob Easley of Cleveland have resurrected "Flying Saucer Digest", after an 18-month gap due to health problems and unspecified "internal problems" within the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA), to which they belong. "Smear" readers can receive a free sample copy of this zine by writing to P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134....

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

CHARLES R. TOLBERT, esteemed Treasurer of the Society for Scientific Exploration, writes as follows:

"Dear Mr. Moseley:

"I am enclosing a check for \$10 as reimbursement for your 1985 half-year dues in accordance with instructions from the Secretary of the Society. I, too, regret the error of first informing you of acceptance and then having to retract that position. I hope that you will accept the apologies of the Society.

"We have for some time now been receiving a copy of 'Saucer Smear'. I have enjoyed very much reading the copies sent to the department and would like to take this opportunity to become an official non-subscriber. I am enclosing my check to cover any costs of non-subscription and hope that we will continue to receive an unbroken stream of official publications from the S.A.U.C.E.R. Society...."

Author and lecturer (including at the forthcoming Phoenix convention) BILL MOORE writes as follows:

"Dearest James:

"Re: Christopher Allen's (ridiculous) inquiry concerning 'colored' ufologists, permit me to submit the following: (1) Henry Monteith, PhD: Speaker at the 1980 MUFON Symposium and long-time anti-gravity researcher. Lives in Albuquerque, N.M. (2) Richard Neal, M.D. Spoke at the '83 MUFON Symposium. Interested in physical effects on abductees. Lives in L. A. area. (3) Lt. Col. Robert Friend: Chief of Air Force's Project Blue Book, 1958-1963. Lives in L. A. area. (4) Sir Eric Gairy: Former Prime Minister of Grenada; responsible for the 1978 U. N. Conference on UFOs.

"There are undoubtedly others.

"Looking forward to seeing you in Phoenix."

BARRY GREENWOOD, Assistant MUFON State Director for Massachusetts, writes:

"Non-subscriber Chris Allan raises an issue which I, too, have thought about: 'Why so few Black Ufologists?' They are out there, but not in an overt way. A few examples: (1) An old 'PM Magazine' TV show featured UFOs in London, Ohio. The head of the local group of Ufologists was Don Jurnigan, a Black. (2) Your own SAUCER NEWS carried photos at one time of a Black Ufologist named Milton Scott, I believe. (3) The author of 'The Phenomena of Flying Saucers and Spatial People', Ulysee Douglas, is Black.

"There are plenty of Black UFO witnesses over the years (Barney Hill, for example), but I wouldn't call them Ufologists. The active, Black UFO investigator/researcher is a rare commodity. Reasons? Ufologists are only the tiniest percentage of the population as it is. Blacks in the U.S. account for one out of ten Americans, which would mean, using these very general statistics as a basis, that one of ten Ufologists would be Black. Combined with the fact that, historically, Blacks have not been well-treated by other segments of the population, involvement in a highly-stigmatized subject like UFOs might not be very appealing to most Blacks. Economically too, only more well-to-do Blacks would become involved in UFOs enough to be visible, since Ufology tends to drain personal funds and not return the investment.

"Then consider this: A recent poll....indicates that 40% of Americans think UFOs are real. That's a 17% drop from the Gallup figures of the late 1970's....If this is a true reflection of public UFO attitudes

currently, then Ufologists better worry, because not only are Blacks staying away from Ufology, but whites will also depopulate the subject. Who's going to support the few good journals on UFOs that are left? 'Saucer Smear' will take over because it's free, and then we are all in trouble!"

KEN BEHRENDT writes as follows:

"....I have done some thinking as to why there are so few Black Ufologists. Perhaps because of racial discrimination they would feel awkward interviewing UFO witnesses who are mostly white. Also, they may unconsciously avoid a topic that suggests contact with advanced beings of an extraterrestrial origin, because their recent history of contact with 'advanced' Europeans was detrimental to their race. Then again, perhaps they are concerned with endeavors that are economically rewarding, and as we all know, unless you are one of the few authors being published in the UFO field, this topic can put a real strain on the old pocketbook!...."

Ace publicist GENE BUCK writes:

"I'm sure you are aware of how skeptical I have remained over the years, on the subject of weirdness in the skies....What's all this about colored Ufologists? What color did you have in mind? It's Blacks, Jimmer - Blacks!"

Not in jolly olde England, where Christopher Allan hails from. And, by the way, our apologies to Chris for misspelling his last name a few times, earlier in this issue. - Ed.

WALTER ROGERS of St. Louis, Missouri, writes:

"....As to the mighty Mr. Christopher Allan's question concerning colored people in Ufology, I'm Black and I've been into UFOs for 22 years now. I must say I only know one other Black Ufologist, named Lester Russel, who's been very active in Cleveland, Ohio for some time. I think UFO interest runs as much in Blacks and other non-whites as it does in caucasians...."

UFO photographer AUGUST C. ROBERTS writes:

"....For awhile I did write to a Black man in Florida who was interested in UFOs. I was not aware that a man's color made any difference researching UFOs. In my opinion, people from all countries have and do search for UFOs. I also have given UFO talks to Black people. To me, all colors of people are interested in UFOs - and why not?"

None other than CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Many thanks for your observations (by letter) re colored Ufologists, or lack thereof. We both forgot the best known of all, and a head of state at that: Sir Eric Gairy, ex-president of Grenada! But he was a real 'screwball'.

"Yours in racial harmony...."

CRIME

A killer, not a cannibal

NICHOLAS BOYCE couldn't stand his wife's nagging—so he killed her, chopped her up into 100 pieces and cooked some of them.

But he drew the line at eating any of the pieces, he told a court in London, England, because he's a vegetarian!

Soothsayer's faulty skills prove fatal

"MY SPIRIT contacts on the other side will protect me," announced fortune teller Patrick Depalle—just before he played a fatal round Russian Roulette and shot himself dead.

His final words before firing the fatal bullet into his brain were: "I never make a mistake." Depalle, 37, pressed the gun to his head to impress a customer who had doubted his powers.

But luck deserted the Vichy, France, clairvoyant—his spirit guides let him down.

BOB SCHMIDT writes:

127 Bateman St.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209

March 14, 1986

Dear Jim,

Just a few lines to keep in touch. Hope all's well and the business has picked up for you.

Thought I'd respond to Christopher Allan's blurb in the recent Smear Vol.33 #2 regarding "Why there are no colored ufologists".....?

This is an extremely sensitive area of investigation. Also, it is something that has crossed my mind on several occasions and might be equated with "Why do the majority of folk interested in amateur astronomy wear glasses" ??? And, why does our local astronomer's organization of some two hundred members have no black representation?

I say 'sensitive' because of the various comments one might make as based on past and present black history. Rather than take the chance on being self-opinionated I decided to get hold of a few black folk I know (some who are employed by our company) and one fellow who, believe it or not, is a member of our local UFO organization! Yes, a black ufologist! There is at least one I can vouch for who is infatuated with the subject!

It is highly unusual to find any black brothers or sisters who have any interest in the heavens, space travel, or UFOs for that matter although as we all know there are many blacks employed by NASA, and other related industries. I would imagine it's just a job to them, and they were qualified for the appointments. Beyond this point they could really care less. Why?and so I asked the ones I know. Ready?

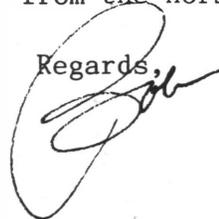
First, they carry a superstition around which is (or must be) a genetically rooted fear of matters unknown. In plain terms: "don't go messin round wit shit you don't know nuttin about".....

Secondly, their lifestyles simply don't permit involvement with matters that don't concern them. Things of this nature simply pass over and beyond their lifestyles. Moreover, it's a fear of the unknown bred into their cultures from early ancestry. They simply don't wish to get involved with any much outside the boundries of terra firma.

The few who have had the opportunity to gel with the cacaussian's technology are the only ones we might expect to have a glimmer of interest in the bizarre.

Personally, I feel there are many who would like to know more by joining groups studying the bizarre but most all involved are white and they feel a bit uncomfortable locating in the other camp. So the reasons are many for their absence. Superstition plus black vs. white camps appears to be the culprits. And all this comes directly from the horses mouth the black folk themselves!

Regards,



TOM BURCH, writes as follows:

"...As an official non-subscriber for over five years now, I have come to appreciate 'Smear' as a unique commodity in the peculiar world of UFOs. I'm not suggesting that 'Smear' has made the world a better place to live, by any means. It's just a very different type of publication. Quite frankly, 'Smear' is often trashy. Other times it is irreverent. But it is always interesting. Until recently, that is.

"In the past six months or so there has been little in the way of personal opinion or 'news' that I couldn't live without. Now, we all know that ufology is suffering from a spreading 'malaise'. Why this strange affliction has spread so broadly and rapidly is beyond me. If I was to suggest that your recent conversion to skepticism was the cause of this situation, I'd only be inflating your already considerable ego. However, the current boredom of 'Smear' seems very much relatable to your newfound skepticism. If you lose your enthusiasm, it's no wonder that your newsletter suffers also.

"Admit it, Jim, you may be a skeptic now - but isn't it an awfully dull, boring situation that you find yourself in now? Could your skepticism be rooted in a mild depression caused by the loss of your friend Gray Barker, one of the 'old boys' of flying saucer and little green men days? Have you really turned skeptic, or do you long for the good old days?...."

Our depression over the death of Gray Barker is not a mild one. The rest of our answer to this criticism is given in the item near the top of Page Two. - Ed.

The following letter is from GORDON CREIGHTON, editor of England's prestigious "Flying Saucer Review". It is our first correspondence from this gentleman, and is one of the strangest letters we have ever received. We have no answer to it:

"Dear Mr. Moseley,

"I want to tell you that, in all the 45 years since I first saw a UFO (in Far West of China, near Tibet) and that, in all the 30 years since I became connected with 'Flying Saucer Review' here in England, I have NEVER seen anything as important and as electrifying as your non-scheduled newsletter of April 20, 1985!

"For years past, I myself have been seeking and collecting evidence of this secret motivation for the whole of the human 'Space Program' and for the (American) President's 'Star Wars Plan'.

"Do please let me know in strict confidence what you have found out! There is today nothing in the world more important than this! I am absolutely convinced of it!...."

Former Beat Poet GEORGE MONTGOMERY delights us with:

"Dear Moseley:

"So you look forward to my comments about 'Saucer Smear'. Well, it has become the supermarket magazine of the saucer-UFO field. About Barker's poetry? Maybe he was a nice guy, but his poetry should have stayed back in high school....

"I will continue being a sage, but you better get on the ball with your newsletter before they take you away....

"I'm still handsome (but) you seem to be getting worse!...."

Aliens to be held at base

DR. ALLEN HENRY GREENFIELD, D.D., PH.D., formerly AL GREENFIELD of Atlanta, Georgia (soon to move to Key West!), writes as follows:

"....I've been wanting to say 'on the record' for some time what I have told you in person informally, namely, that I think 'Saucer Smear' is doing a service of great value in setting the record straight on various UFO-related hoaxes over the years. Your latest, on 'Lost Creek', is interesting and important.

"I personally feel that hoaxes are a much more important factor in ufological lore than has been generally credited in the literature. It underscores for me once again the point I made at the end of my twenty year career in ufology - namely, that the wrong question has usually been asked. The real question is not what UFOs are, but, rather, given that most cases appear to be misidentification plus fantasy projection, and many others seem to be the result of hoaxes (many by 'Ufologists') - why does this happen? In other words, what motivates supposed 'researchers' to create myths? Why do ordinary-seeming citizens conjure up stories that are not only bizarre, but add fuel to an existing mythos in a remarkably consistent manner?

"The implications of this phenomenon (the phenomenon of ufology, not UFOs per se) have yet to be realized. I believe the phenomenon to be nearly identical to that which, in other ages, has produced rumors of messiahs and miracles, prophets and wonder-workers. The cross-over point is the semi-legendary career of George Adamski, who, as I recall, you were the first to 'expose' in a major way, in the 'Adamski Expose Issue' of SAUCER NEWS. Adamski was the center of a messianic cult with a mythos that even eventually included a 'documented account' of his return from the dead. Ufology is space age Christianity. Gray Barker was a brilliant fantasist. The question I have, again, is why?"

TOM BENSON hits us with:

"In the current 'Saucer Smear' I found it profoundly interesting that Phil Klass, who has in the past claimed pro-UFO researchers are Communists, will resign on May 1st, an international Communist holiday, from the rag 'Aviation Week', which has in its notorious past leaked U.S. Government secrets."

And, as if anticipating this criticism, PHIL KLASS himself writes:

"Dear Idle Rumor-Monger:

"This is to inform you that your recent report on my upcoming retirement was partially in error.

"I now plan to retire as of June 1, but will remain a Contributing Avionics Editor for Av Week, rather than 'Defense Electronics' Magazine, with periodic contributions to 'High Technology' and other pubs.

"How could you make so gross an error?"

Easily! - Ed.

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