

"Your skepticism has seeped so much across the surface of America that a patina of cynicism infests the once numerous cavities of the mind..."

- 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:

In our glorious May 15th issue of "Smear" we gave you a Hot exclusive about the peculiar problems that have befallen ace magician James ("The Amusing") Randi in recent months. In spite of the rather deafening silence brought forth by that article, we now offer you an update on the story.

Some may feel that Randi's troubles have nothing whatever to do with UFOs. This, of course, is absolutely correct. Randi's interest for lo these many years has been to disprove claims in the field of parapsychology, leaving Klass and other CSICOPers to handle the saucerers.

So - do Randi's problems relate to the field of parapsychology? Not directly, and that is our whole point in bringing the matter up. The accusation of homosexuality against Randi has no logical or reasonable connection with his accusations of trickery against Uri Geller and others. Yet the accusations persist, obviously as a means of revenge!

Very recently "Smear" has obtained two rather remarkable documents. The first is written by one Scot Morris, who is Games Editor of OMNI and a close friend of Randi. This document, entitled simply "James 'The Amazing' Randi", runs five typewritten pages, and includes a list of about 60 OMNI editors, CSICOP members, and public figures (Merv Griffin, etc.) to whom the document has been sent or will be sent.

The second item, written by Randi himself on his letterhead, runs 3 typewritten pages and is entitled "A statement concerning the actions of certain persons designed to defame and discredit the name of James Randi".

Though the texts of these two public letters are quite different, they discuss many of the same events. Again we remind you that our May 15th article was written from other sources, before the release of these



letters. Our information turns out to have been quite accurate, but without the sequential details revealed now by Morris and Randi.

The "blackmail packets" about Randi, referred to in our earlier article, were distributed to at least 30 people, beginning in July of 1983. These packets deal with, among other things, a complicated series of events involving Randi in his home area of New Jersey, back in 1968.

Space (and the possibility of boring or confusing you) prevents us from going into all of this here, but to bring the matter up to date - Randi alleges that in March of 1983, two men pretending to be conducting an investigation of him for the U.S. Department of the Navy in Washington D.C., "snowed" a New Jersey police department into giving them false and misleading photographic, tape, and oral evidence against Randi. The particular police officer in question hated Randi because Randi had conducted a long and eventually successful campaign against him, in regard to the officer's habit of planting drugs on teen-aged suspects and/or beating them up in violation of their civil rights.

Randi's main contention is that the two men who falsely identified themselves to this New Jersey police department were none other than Uri Geller himself, and one Dr. Eldon Byrd, whom he calls "a former parapsychologist who has contributed much nonsense to the literature of pseudoscience". Randi has been cautioned that he can be sued if he cannot prove his allegations against these two men, but Randi insists that he can prove them and that he will do so if necessary.

There's a lot more startling stuff in the material from Morris and Randi here at "Smear" Headquarters, but we will wait for reader reaction, if any, before publishing any more of it.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

FLASH! Randi has told us, just at press time, one of the most Amazing things we have ever heard: He claims he has just won the MacArthur Prize, worth \$272,000 tax free, for his work in beating down claims of the paranormal. Does this mean that Randi will now become a Patron of pre-Columbian art? Probably not, but in any case Congratulations are apparently due!....

Our controversial article entitled "The Most Haunted House in America" has been published by Timothy Green Beckley's Inner Light Publications, Issue #10. This is the same article that was turned down by FATE Magazine several months ago. Beckley tells us that he will give a FREE trial subscription to "Inner Light", starting with #10, to anyone who sends him a mere dollar to cover the cost of postage. Write to Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903....Incidentally, Tim also wants you to know that famed UFO/occult author Brad Steiger has just signed up to do a series of books for Tim's organization, the first of which will be entitled "Demon Lovers". WOW!....

The notorious Todd Zechel has surfaced again, this time publishing a zine called "For Your Eyes Only". (\$4.50 for 3 issues from Paragon Productions, P.O. Box 632, Sauk City, Wi. 53583). In the first issue Zechel raves on about how Phil Klass works for and with the CIA, especially in regard to Klass's alleged friendship with a Russian Naval Attache named Vtorygin, in the early 1960's. Weird stuff, but interesting. Klass threatens to reply to this charge quickly! (WHEEE!).....

On the evening of June 17th your editor spent four hours discussing UFOs and grave robbing on a talk show hosted by one Jerry Wichner of WNWS Radio, Miami. Incidentally, our olde friend Alan Burke from Channel Five, New York City, seems to have recently quit (or lost?) his job at WNWS and has moved on out into Limbo....

LETTER(S) ABOUT THE EDITOR:

The following is the full text of a recent issue of a delightful publicly distributed newsletter from an organization called ParaNet, also known as the National Fringe Sciences Information Service. (We kid you not!) More about ParaNet further along in this issue:

"Ufologist Erik Beckjord seems to have gotten a little carried away with himself. At the recent National UFO Conference in Phoenix, Beckjord gave a presentation on the New Zealand UFO which was photographed by news reporters aboard a plane in 1979. The talk, which was based on research done by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, included the film segments of what appears to be, well, an indiscernable blob of light. Mega-skeptic Phil Klass opines that what is depicted is a brightly-lit squid boat on the horizon at night time. Fellow CSICOPer Robert Sheaffer has maintained that it is a fleet of squid boats that optically coalesce into one, due to their distance and tight formation. Beckjord's presentation tried to show that the object was a bona fide unknown by deflating the squid boat theory. In this reporter's opinion, he failed miserably.

"Regardless, in the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear', a tongue-in-cheek newsletter put out monthly (sic) by convention chairman James Moseley, Beckjord writes: '...My lecture on the New Zealand UFO film...managed to achieve...the downfall of Philip Klass. Fellow Skeptic Robert Sheaffer openly admitted that he felt Klass was proved wrong by Maccabee, and this was seconded by the head of the Tucson Skeptics (Maj. James McGaha).'

"Well, Erik, not quite. Sheaffer never said Maccabee had proven the squid boat theory wrong. He has always differed with Klass on the number of squid boats sighted, but still clings to the basic hypothesis. The closest he and Beckjord ever came to agreeing at the conference was when he was observed agreeing to let Beckjord buy him a beer, the bottle of which he later used as a prop in an impromptu demonstration of nighttime optical illusions.

"As for McGaha, no one was more surprised than he at his sudden conversion to the UFO cause. 'If that's the best piece of (photographic evidence) they can come up with, they're in trouble', he later told me. 'I wasn't impressed.'

"Lest anyone think that 'Smear' editor Moseley endorses Beckjord's view, it is important to note that fully half the newsletter consists of letters to the editor, some of which are published with wry comments from Moseley. It seems to function as comic relief in an industry that takes itself much too seriously; a release valve for some of the more far-out opinions. Moseley himself, while not quite a skeptic, has his feet planted firmly on the ground and has slowly come to disdain the fringe elements of the UFO 'religion'. He seems to be one of the few prominent in the field to openly admit, 'I just don't know'.

"Moseley is possessed of a dry, dangerous sense of humor. At the convention, while he was seated at the dias with several of his colleagues, a woman clad in the flowing white garb of the truly demented approached the microphone and began reliving her birth trauma before our eyes. Claiming to be a high priestess of the Brotherhood of St. Germaine, she singled out Ufologist Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist, as an apostate of Atlantis who had single-handedly unleashed the horrors of Chernobyl on an unsuspecting world. With tears in her eyes she pleaded with us to repent and join the brotherhood before it was too late. Moseley's response was to photograph her with a cheap camera in mid-spiel. The sight of this poor woman desperately trying to save our souls while being photographed with a toy camera - well, you had to be there.

"I solicited Jim Moseley to become a ParaNet user and give us the benefit of his sage counsel on things Ufological, but alas, he claims com-

puter illiteracy. Besides, he says, 'Where the hell is Fountain Hills?'"

Note by "Smear" editor: The above author has erred in only two respects that we know of, namely the frequency of our publication (thus the inserted word sic in his text), and the quality of our camera - which unfortunately was a very expensive but nevertheless ineffective one. - ParaNet can be reached at P.O. Box 17675, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85268 - wherever the hell that is!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

The above-mentioned ERIK BECKJORD has gone on to new adventures, and he details the latest of these below:

"Dear Commander Moseley:

"It seems that I, too, am among the ranks of those who cannot get past Peter Sturrock into the august SSE (Society for Scientific Exploration). Not only not in, but also not even in as a guest of famed Marcello Truzzi at the San Francisco meeting, recently! The leadership of the SSE is very paranoid about publicity, and about tainting their ranks with non-PhD's.

"Anyway, despite my \$30 check and a recommendation from Bruce Macabee, and also despite requests from local committee members Stanley Krippner and James (APRO) Harder, stern Sturrock would not let the gates open for ye humble Moseley-ite. I therefore committed a major sin in the eyes of said Sturrock - I did not go away. I stayed outside, and met Jacques Vallee, jolly Richard Haines, furtive Richard Greenwell, amiable Marcello Truzzi, effusive Dennis Stillings, beautiful Marsha Adams, and ultimately, evasive Henry Bauer. I survived the deadly grimaces of Sturrock and went to lunch with several of the above, where they looked over various of my Bigfoot and LNM photos.

"A sad event occurred just prior to said lunch, however. I had very firmly arranged with Henry Bauer, who just finished a book about Loch Ness, to bring a projector 400 miles so he could show me his 8mm film of what might be Nessie, and to show him films I had in 16mm. In front of deadly grim Sturrock, Bauer accused me of spreading rumors that his room was to be used as a screening room....and then denied, in front of Sturrock, (1) making any arrangements to bring his film, (2) engaging in phone calls with me about this film, (3) having any interest in Loch Ness photos of any kind, despite his recent book! I reeled in shock, but to avoid a riot, I simply reiterated that he had made the arrangements, and then left to go to lunch.

"Then Sturrock tried to get hotel security to throw me out, but I saw the manager and stopped this.

"I found Richard Haines of Ames Flight Center, NASA, to be a jovial and helpful sort, despite any past conflicts with our Supreme Commander, and Vallee to be a mysteriously quiet intellectual. Later, after Truzzi, Stillings and Molly Squire did view the various films in Stillings' room (alleged cryptozoologist Richard Greenwell shared Truzzi's room), I was told that LO! - the staid SSE will have student memberships in the future. I am sure it will be a cold day in Stanford indeed before I am ever a member, but I nobly sacrificed myself in order to attain this new loosened policy. Telegrams of praise, etc., can be sent to me % 'Saucer Smear'."

Beckjord Opposes Pfeifer Plan

PROF. ALVIN LAWSON of Birth Trauma fame writes as follows regarding a card from him that we published in our May 15th issue:

"...You have given me a rhetorical double volvulus because (1) you published my card w/o permission; and (2) you revised my prose, as follows:

"'...you probably don't give a rat's (ass) as a whole for this...'

"Your emendation is fundamentally without class or subtlety, and is phonically redundant as well.

"Has your aural sense a posteriori been overlapped by your anal sense to thus crap on my buried pun? Are you gratified by inserting your parenthesized 'ass' behind the 'rat's' and right before my 'as a whole'? Mindful that postal authorities might rear up, I had to use a euphemistic suppository at that point of my letter's anatomy. Were you assuming that your non-subscribers would think that you (or - missing my witticism - that I) had let one go? If so, you are stooping to condescension; also, anyone not full of it knows that you should have taken your 'ass' and put one of your typewriter's brackets on each side of it before you shoved it up the middle of my sentence.

"The bottom line is, in view of my analytical rebuttal perhaps you will void such assaulting rectifications in the future. If you do - in the bowels of Christ - I will be relieved.

"Ah, men."

We will never again attempt to edit an English professor, however slightly! - Editor.

JOHN DRESSLER, who describes himself as Menehune Base Commandant, and who is a fellow MUFON State Section Director, from Hawaii, writes:

"To whom it may non-concern:

"I found out about your illustrious rag from another non-subscriber. I find the 'Smear' slightly amusing and highly disgusting, but funny all the same. A subscription to your ancient non-periodical would be greatly appreciated.

"Menehune (pronounced Me-ne-hoo-nee) is a Hawaiian word which refers to an ancient group of small violent people who colonized the islands at one time. I believe they came from the Bermuda Triangle before it sunk, but what I think doesn't matter, huh?! They came to the Pacific aboard a giant mother-ship which settled to the ocean bottom with a great eruption of flatulence and became the Island of Oahu. I feel it is a fitting title for yours truly.

"Anyway, that's all we have to report for now from paradise. Keep up the excellent non-work. My pooch enjoys eating it as much as I do reading it!...."

**Pollution
threatens
mermaids**



DONALD WARE, Florida State MUFON Director (and thus our immediate superior in the vast MUFON hierarchy), writes as follows:

"Your comment in the May 15th 'Saucer Smear', 'Most interesting! Now prove it.', reminded me of a question I have frequently had. What is proof? Perhaps your readers can help with this one.

"If I wanted to prove the truth of the statement, 'Some UFOs are vehicles controlled by an advanced intelligence', would there be only one set of criteria to establish the proof, or several? Would I have to put on display a flying saucer and have the occupants demonstrate their magic, or would a list of less 'hard' evidence be sufficient? I wonder if any UFO investigation group could arrive at a consensus on the criteria sufficient to 'prove' the above statement. (I noticed that Webster has at least four definitions for the word 'prove'.)

"I have thought, in general, the reason some people have a hard time finding happiness is because they haven't decided what they are looking for. Perhaps the same applies in ufology."

Researcher GREG LONG writes:

"Your Greatness:

"I detect an issue growing in the pages of 'Saucer Smear' - an issue you best leap on now while the white-hot fury of public opinion rages.

"Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Skeptics Party? Are you a 'skeptic'? Yes or no? Were you once a 'believer'? It is time you state, for the record, Supreme Commander, your true colors!

"The need for this is obvious: You deny that you are a skeptic, yet pursue the skeptical point of view. You lambaste the 'evidence' for UFO reality, but persist in producing your newsletter.

"Where do you stand? Your public waits."

We stand squarely on the fence, and it's damn uncomfortable! - Editor.

JIM SPEISER writes:

"Dear Commander:

"I want to thank you for a most enlightening and gratifying weekend. The 23rd National UFO Conference was a success, and a real eye-opener, at least to this ufological neophyte.

"As I mentioned to you, I am also grateful for your remarks at Sunday's open forum. I believe I said they helped me define where I stand; not quite true. They helped me define where I DON'T stand, and assured me that it's OK not to be on one 'side' or the other. Not to take a position is to take a position. Closet agnostics, unite!

"You may recall that I mentioned to you the organization appearing on this letterhead: ParaNet. I enclose some information for your perusal. As it stands now, I am the operator, editor, head of circulation and chief writer for this service, which encompasses all phases of the paranormal. However, I am quickly learning that I can't do it all AND make a living at the same time (ParaNet is a non-revenue operation). Hence, I am constantly looking for ready-made materials to place in the database, without fear of copyright infringement...."

Editor's Note: Speiser defines ParaNet as "a small but growing network of computerized Bulletin Board Systems, which attempt to make available the latest and most reliable information on the paranormal and 'fringe' sciences." Their address is given near the top of Page 4, in this issue.

A brand new non-subscriber named MARY HOFFMEYER writes:

"I have just finished reading your article 'The Most Haunted House in America' published in Tim Beckley's 'Inner Light'. I thoroughly enjoyed it. You are brave to have spent the night alone in the house. I have always wanted to see a ghost or apparition but never have so far. I think I would want someone with me if I ever do see anything...."

Former UFO researcher RICHARD OGDEN writes:

"As far as the Straith Letter is concerned, it may be that Adamski was lying to me out of madness toward the last, in saying the Soviets were behind it. It may be true that you and Gray Barker were behind a drunken joke....

"However, this white-seal paper is only used by the Secretary of State and is under lock and key. So if someone like you and Barker wrote the Straith Letter, then the person who gave you the stationery stole it from the Secretary's office and was a Soviet agent. So this would back up Adamski's story that the Soviets were behind the Straith Letter. This is why you won't name your Soviet agent. You may have been duped!..."

And now, the Last Word (for this issue, at least) on Erik Beckjord comes from dreadful skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER of BASIS, who writes:

"Before any more of your readers fall over in surprise or delight over my supposed conversion to the True Faith concerning the New Zealand film, let me spoil their fun (in characteristic manner) and point out that tain't so. When Beckjord claims that I said 'Klass was proved wrong by Maccabee', he is being even more misleading than usual. What I said was that I was not certain that Phil's hypothesis of a single, nearby fishing boat was established! I still thought that the light could likely be a group of several squid boats, considerably farther away. Thus the 'great dispute' is over the number and position of the squid boats, and does not suggest that TRUE-UFOs have been established, as Beckfoot would have us believe!

"(As you recall, Jerry Clark has been going around saying that UFO skeptics never disagree with each other about anything, and hence must presumably be robots, or at least fools. So I've managed to prove both Beckjord and Clark wrong with a single letter!)

"Beckjord would have us think that he wowed the audience with his dazzling put-down of Klass, but I thought that even the already pro-UFO audience was less than impressed by his talk. Several people I talked with felt the same way. To judge by the questions asked at the end of his talk, and not just those from skeptics, he left even many of the UFO believers questioning his interpretations. James McGaha (co-chair of the Tucson Skeptics, he with the psychic Chiropractic skills) and I pinned Beckjord down on a number of very important points, especially the acutely embarrassing absence of any reflection on the water from this supposedly airborne object!..."

"Erik said that the week following the conference, he was going camping in Arizona in an area where Bigfeet are supposed to wander. Molly Squire was coming with him, presumably to serve as Bigfoot-bait. As you know, Bigfeet are far more likely to turn up if there's a female in the camping party. You've seen the movie King Kong, so you know how giant apes feel about human females. I wonder if the guest of honor showed up? I'm sure we'd have heard about it by now if he had!"

Finally, on Page 8 the Omnipotent KCLASS delights us with his latest theories.

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Dear Jim Moseley:

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One aspect of UFOlogy long has puzzled me, but I have never before admitted it publicly. If, as so many in the UFO Movement claim, the U.S. Government is "covering up the truth about UFOs," and knows that at least some UFO reports involve E-T craft, then its publicly announced action of closing down the USAF's Project Blue Book in 1969 and halting further investigations of all UFO reports must also be sham.

For example, the Government could ill-afford to not investigate every single UFO case lest one, or some, involve hard physical evidence that would reveal "the truth" that has for so long been kept secret. And whereas uniformed military personnel from nearby bases often were dispatched to investigate UFO reports before 1969, none were reported to visited the scene and interrogated the principals or witnesses for such famous post--1969 incidents as Delphos, Capt. Coyne/Mansfield, Ohio, Pasca-goula, Heber, Ariz. (Travis Walton), Dutchess County, N.Y. (giant boomerang UFO), etc.

IF the coverup hypothesis is correct, then almost certainly the U.S. would have sent investigators to check these and hundreds of other UFO incidents since 1969--USING COVERT UNDERCOVER AGENTS. These covert UFO investigators could not be government employees, for such ties could be traced. But they would need to have skills in investigating UFO reports, to distinguish what Bruce Maccabee calls "True UFOs" (TRUFOS) from those that have prosaic explanations and are "IFOs."

Where could the government find such covert UFO investigators? WITHIN ONE OF THE EXISTING UFO ORGANIZATIONS!! Especially a UFO organization that publicly accuses the Government of "UFO coverup," for who would then suspect that its operations were being secretly funded by the government?? Naturally, this "government connection" would have to be kept secret from the organization's field investigators, because many would strongly object to this arrangement.

If this hypothesis is correct, the most logical candidate would be a UFO organization created shortly after 1969, which is in good financial condition. MUFON meets those qualifications. And IF this hypothesis is correct, one should expect that top officials of the UFO organization serving as a covert investigatory agency for the U.S. Government would hotly deny any such Government connection and dismiss it as ridiculous.

I look forward to the reaction of "Saucer Smear" readers to this hypothesis, based on the government coverup hypothesis.

